MAGNO
LIGHTNING
FOUR
UNKNOWN
CAPT. COURAGEOUS
FAVORITES
THE HEILING HOODLUMS MEET
THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER

MAGNO and DAVEY
IS THE CLOWN, MASTERMIND OF CRIME, CLEVER ENOUGH TO CONCEAL HIS NEXT MOVE BEHIND THE CURTAIN OF A BREAK? THAT MADE NO SENSE TO MAGNO AND DAVEY UNTIL IT GAVE THEM THE MERRIEST CHASE OF THEIR LIVES AND PROVED THAT NO SENSE PLUS THE CLOWN EQUALS "A CONFUSION OF TERROR!"
IST NATIONAL
LAND TORPEDO
SOME WATER BOILER, EH, JAKE?
YOU BET! THE WARDEN HAS BEEN ASKING FOR A NEW ENGIN FOR THE PRISON!
THE FIRST CHAPTER OF CONFUSION OPENS IN A SMALL TOWN NEAR THE STATE PENITENTIARY, AS THE TOWNSPEOPLE ADMIRE A NEW FIRE ENGINE...
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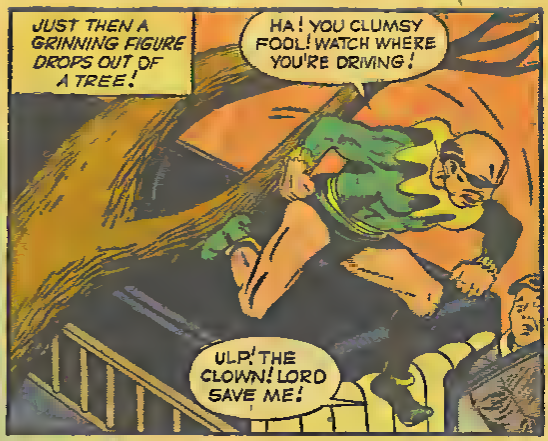
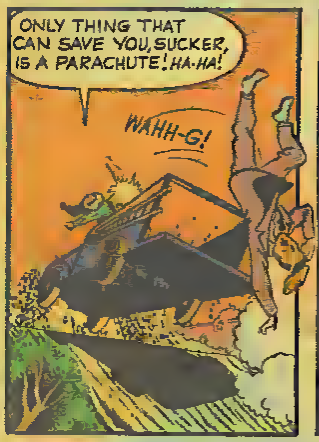
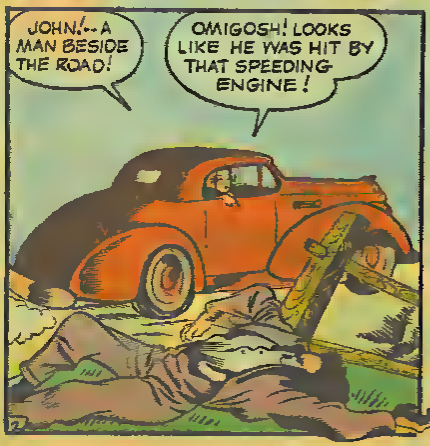
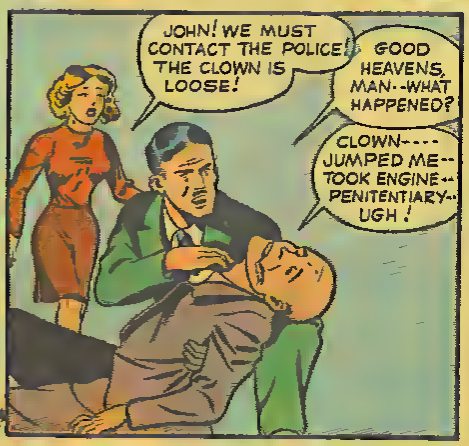




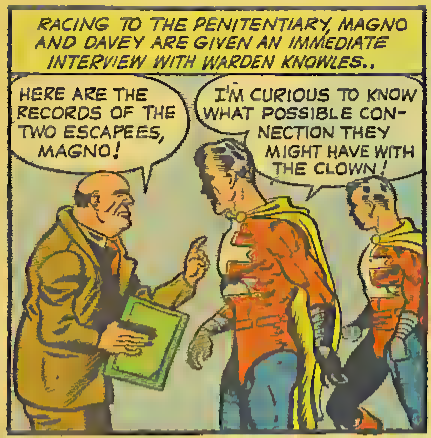
AS ANOTHER CAR WHEELS DOWN THE ROAD...





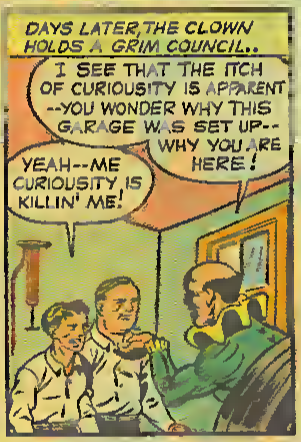
MEANWHILE, AT THE STATE PENITENTIARY, CHAPTER TWO OF CONFUSION OPENS AS...
IT'S ALMOST THREE, NEEDLES! HE SHOULD BE HERE!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT THE CLOWN, STATLER, HE'LL COME!
YIPEE! HERE COMES OUR NEW FIRE ENGINE, BOYS! OPEN THE GATE!
WOW! LOOKIT 'ER ROUND THE CURVE!
HA! THANKS A MILLION, SAPS!
HEY- WAIT A MINUTE! STOP!
HALT!
GET THAT GUARD, NEEDLES! HURRY--- DON'T WASTE TIME!
OKAY, STAT--LET'S GO!
ST-- AHHHHH!
ONE SIDE, BIG SHOT-- DESTINY IS IN THE MAKING!
THE GATES CLANG SHUT-- TOO LATE-- THE CLOWN AND HIS ESCAPEES ARE THRU!
OUCH! THOSE BULLETS AREN'T PING PONG BALLS!
HO. HA! TELL WARDEN KNOWLES THANKS FOR LENDING ME THIS FIRE BUGGY. HO. HA!
RAT-TA-TA-TA

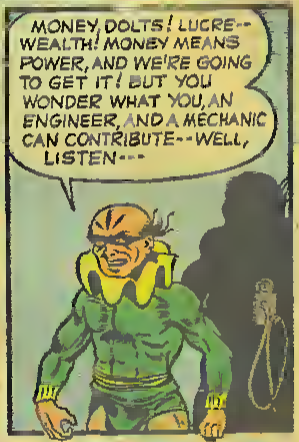
AT THAT MOMENT, THE THIRD AND LAST CHAPTER--BUT HERE IS NO CONFUSION, BUT COMMON SENSE, IN THE PERSONS OF MAGNO AND DAVEY!
DARING PRISON BREAK ENGINEERED BY CLOWN! POLICE SEEK FIRE ENGINE USED---
DOESN'T SOUND LIKE THE CLOWN'S TECHNIQUE -- BUT LET'S GO!
THE CLOWN AGAIN!
WHILE THE CLOWN----
HEY, CLOWN! WHY ARE YOU STOPPING!
DOLT! DON'T ASK! GET OUT--RUN FOR THE WOODS!
YOU GAVE ME FREEDOM--ANYTHING YOU SAY, CLOWN!
WE HAVE NO MORE USE FOR THE ENGINE! IT SERVES ONLY TO WARN THE POLICE! SHE'LL FREE-WHEEL DOWN THE ROAD---
ALL RIGHT, MEN! FORGE AHEAD! FORTUNE AND WEALTH LIE AHEAD OF US!
CHEE! THAT SOUNDS INTRISTIN'!
MAGNO, I SEE THE FIRE-ENGINE --LOOK!
RIGHT! IF THIS IS THE CLOWN, WE'VE GOT HIM WHERE WE WANT HIM!
A TREMENDOUS SURGE OF MAGNETIC ENERGY STOPS THE RUNAWAY ENGINE--
THAT DID IT! LET'S GO, BUT BE CAREFUL!
DON'T WORRY! I'VE HAD ENOUGH EXPERIENCE WITH THAT GRINNING FIEND!
GOSH, MAGNO! IT'S EMPTY!
EMPTY, NOTHING! THE CLOWN AND HIS MEN NEVER WERE IN IT! COME ON! WE'VE GOT A FEW QUESTIONS TO ASK WARDEN KNOWLES!

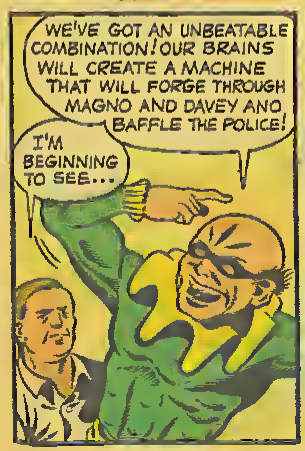

RACING TO THE PENITENTIARY, MAGNO AND DAVEY ARE GIVEN AN IMMEDIATE INTERVIEW WITH WARDEN KNOWLES..
HERE ARE THE RECORDS OF THE TWO ESCAPEES, MAGNO!
I'M CURIOUS TO KNOW WHAT POSSIBLE CONNECTION THEY MIGHT HAVE WITH THE CLOWN!

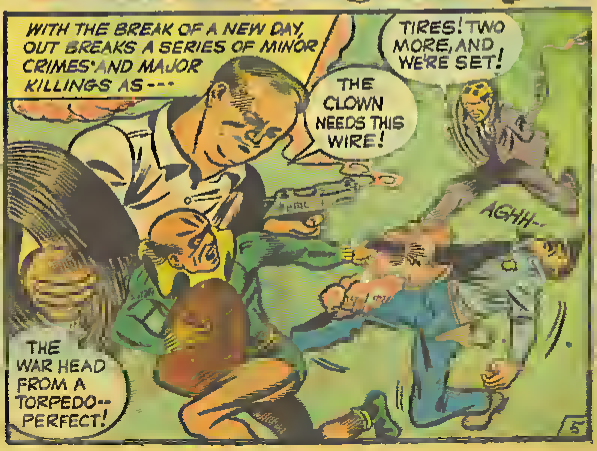
STRANGE! STATLER SENT HERE IN 'FORTY FOR EMBEZZLEMENT! NEEDLES, FOR PETTY LARCENY! STATLER CONSIDERED TO BE A MASTER ENGINEER--- NEEDLES A LOWLY MECHANIC! CONFUSING!
WHAT'S CONFUSING, MAGNO?

WHAT WOULD THE CLOWN WANT WITH AN EX-ENGINEER AND AN EX-MECHANIC TURNED CROOKS? WHAT IS THE CONNECTION AMONG THEM?
GOSH! ONLY THE CLOWN COULD ANSWER THAT, AND WE'VE GOT TO FIND HIM!


DAYS LATER, THE CLOWN HOLDS A GRIM COUNCIL..
I SEE THAT THE ITCH OF CURIOUSITY IS APPARENT --YOU WONDER WHY THIS GARAGE WAS SET UP-- WHY YOU ARE HERE!
YEAH--ME CURIOUSITY IS KILLIN' ME!


MONEY, DOLTS! LUCRE-- WEALTH! MONEY MEANS POWER, AND WE'RE GOING TO GET IT! BUT YOU WONDER WHAT YOU, AN ENGINEER, AND A MECHANIC CAN CONTRIBUTE--WELL, LISTEN---


WE'VE GOT AN UNBEATABLE COMBINATION! OUR BRAINS WILL CREATE A MACHINE THAT WILL FORGE THROUGH MAGNO AND DAVEY AND BAFFLE THE POLICE!
I'M BEGINNING TO SEE...


WITH THE BREAK OF A NEW DAY, OUT BREAKS A SERIES OF MINOR CRIMES AND MAJOR KILLINGS AS---
TIRES! TWO MORE, AND WE'RE SET!
THE CLOWN NEEDS THIS WIRE!
AGHH--
THE WAR HEAD FROM A TORPEDO-- PERFECT!

THAT MORNING--

MAGNO! THE CLOWN BROKE INTO THE NAVY ARSENAL THIS MORNING! SHOT THE GUARD AND---

SAY NO MORE --LET'S GO TO THE HOSPITAL AND QUESTION THE GUARD!

MAGNO AND DAVEY RUSH TO THE BEDSIDE OF THE WOUNDED GUARD.

YEAH! HE SHOT ME AND ESCAPED WITH A TORPEDO WARHEAD!

NOTHING ON EARTH CAN HALT THE EXPLOSIVE POWER WITHIN THIS LAND TORPEDO!

GENTLEMEN, WE HAVE DONE WELL! THE SECOND LAND TORPEDO IS FINISHED, WEALTH WILL NOW BE OURS!

ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS PREDETERMINE THE COURSE OF THE TORPEDO AND--BOOM!

YES--BOOM GOES THE JEWELRY MART! OUR POCKETS WILL BE LINED WITH PEARLS AND DIAMONDS! GET READY TO FIRE, TORPEDO ONE!

HA! BON VOYAGE, TORPEDO NUMBER ONE! IF STATLER'S PLANS ARE ACCURATE, THIS BABY WILL MAKE HAIRPIN TURNS! HA!

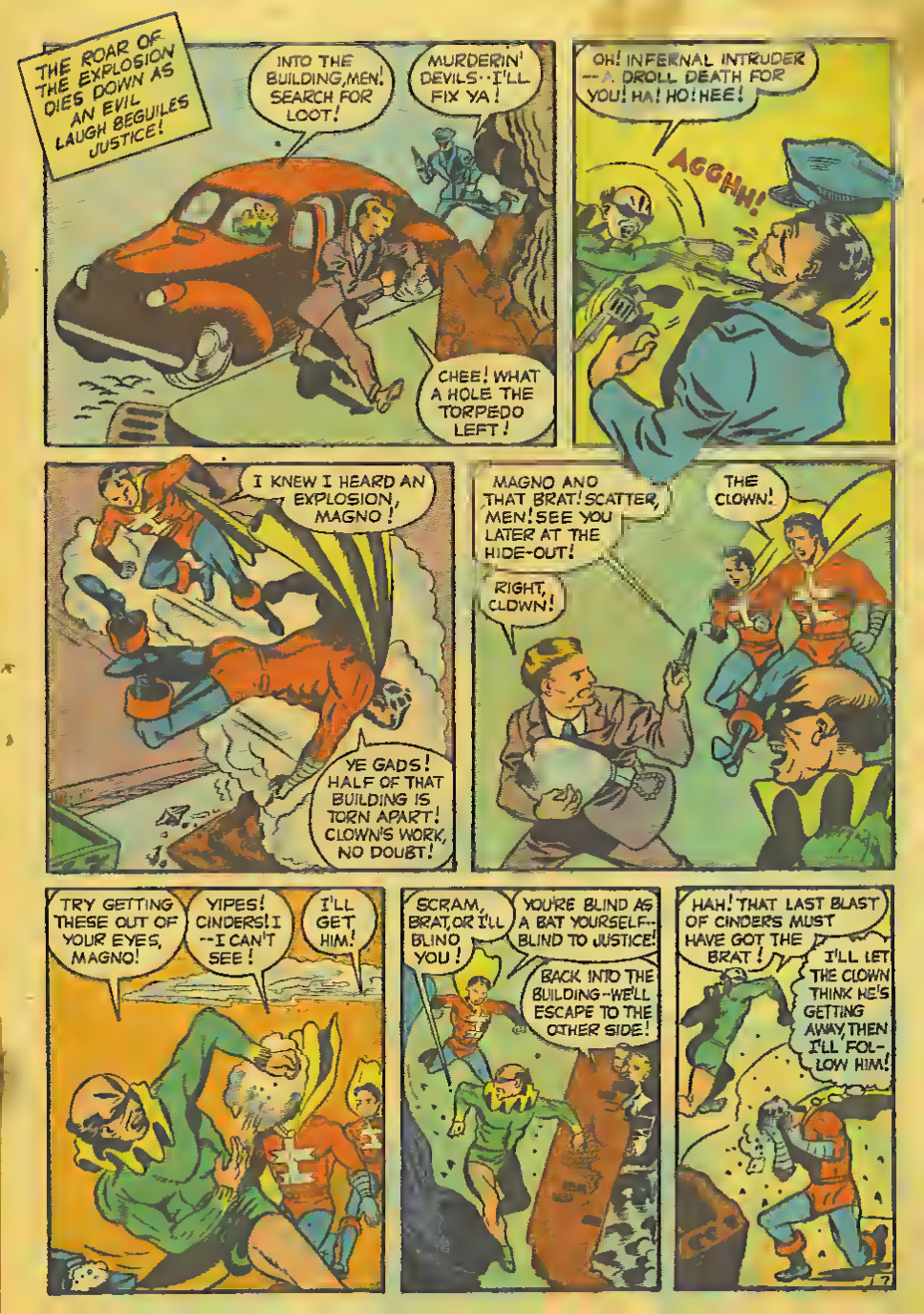
THERE, THE DOORS ARE OPEN!

OKAY, BOSS!

INTO THE CAR, MEN! WE WILL ARRIVE RIGHT AFTER THE EXPLOSION!

THE WHEELED PROJECTILE CAREENS TOWARD ITS DESTINATION--1000 LBS. OF T.N.T. READY TO DISCHARGE ITS FURY!

THE NEWS MART


THE ROAR OF THE EXPLOSION DIES DOWN AS AN EVIL LAUGH BEGUILES JUSTICE!
INTO THE BUILDING, MEN! SEARCH FOR LOOT!
MURDERIN' DEVILS··I'LL FIX YA!
CHEE! WHAT A HOLE THE TORPEDO LEFT!
OH! INFERNAL INTRUDER --A DROLL DEATH FOR YOU! HA! HO! HEE!
AGGHH!
I KNEW I HEARD AN EXPLOSION, MAGNO!
YE GADS! HALF OF THAT BUILDING IS TORN APART! CLOWN'S WORK, NO DOUBT!
MAGNO AND THAT BRAT! SCATTER, MEN! SEE YOU LATER AT THE HIDE-OUT!
THE CLOWN!
RIGHT, CLOWN!
TRY GETTING THESE OUT OF YOUR EYES, MAGNO!
YIPES! CINDERS! I --I CAN'T SEE!
I'LL GET HIM!
SCRAM, BRAT, OR I'LL BLIND YOU!
YOU'RE BLIND AS A BAT YOURSELF-- BLIND TO JUSTICE!
BACK INTO THE BUILDING--WE'LL ESCAPE TO THE OTHER SIDE!
HAH! THAT LAST BLAST OF CINDERS MUST HAVE GOT THE BRAT!
I'LL LET THE CLOWN THINK HE'S GETTING AWAY, THEN I'LL FOLLOW HIM!
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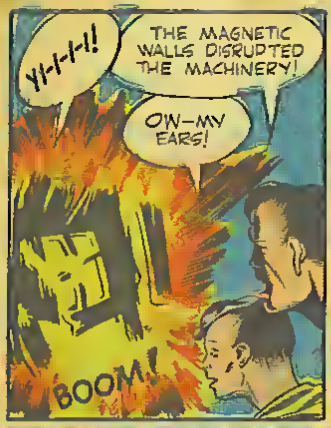
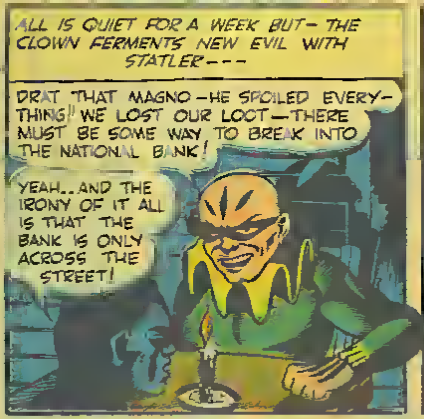
MEANWHILE
DAVEY AND THE CLOWN GONE --THOSE TWO RUNNING BACK INTO THE BUILDING!
HURRY, NEEDLES! MAGNO CAN SEE AGAIN!
NO, SIR-- TRAVEL IS RATIONED!
ULP! NEEDLES! NEEDLES!
GOOD BOY --NOW LET'S SCRAM! THE CLOWN'LL BE WAITING FOR US!
GOT 'IM!
UH!
FAR ABOVE, DAVEY WATCHES THE FLEEING CLOWN!
HE'S ENTERING THE GARAGE!
STATLER AND NEEDLES OUGHT TO BE HERE SOON-- BOY, WHAT A HAUL!
CREEPERS! THERE'S THE CLOWN AND HE'S GETTING ANOTHER LAND TORPEDO READY! I'VE GOT TO STOP HIM!
BUT--PERIL FROM BEHIND!
I THOUGHT WE LEFT HIM BEHIND!
HE MUST HAVE FOLLOWED THE CLOWN HERE! WE'LL TAKE HIM INSIDE!
OH!
LOOKIT WHAT WE PICKED UP BESIDES THE JEWELS! WE CAUGHT HIM BY THE WINDOW!
HA! HA! THIS IS FUNNY--STRAP HIM TO TORPEDO NUMBER TWO!
HO! I ONLY HOPE HE WAKES UP JUST AS THE TORPEDO IS ABOUT TO SMASH THE NATIONAL BANK TO BITS--WHAT HILARITY! SET THE TORPEDO OFF, NEEDLES!

THE SLEEK PROJECTILE ROARS DOWN THE STREET
HAPPY DREAMS, LITTLE FOOL, HA!! WE HAVE TWO MINUTES YET BEFORE WE LEAVE FOR THE BANK!!
YIPES! DAVEY STRAPPED TO THE LAND TORPEDO! MORE OF THE CLOWNS WORK!!
IT'S HEADING DIRECTLY FOR THE BANK—I MUST STOP IT TO SAVE DAVEY'S LIFE--- I WONDER!
MAGNETIC WAVES SHOULD DISRUPT THE MACHINERY AND STOP IT--THERE...!!
CLICKETY-CLIK KLIK-
SCREEECH!
I'LL BE---MY MAGNETIC WAVES SHORT CIRCUITED THE POWER AND SHE'S HEADING BACK WHERE SHE CAME FROM—I'VE GOT TO GET DAVEY OFF!!
OWW— WHAT HAP--- GREAT GUNS!!
THERE, DAVEY—YOU'RE FREE!
GOOD FOR THAT--BUT I DON'T UNDERSTAND THIS THING GOING BACKWARDS!
THE CLOWN AN' STATLER LEFT ME BEHIND TO WATCH THE JEWELS WHILE THEY SACK THE BANK-HA-- I'LL RUN OUT ON THEM WITH THE ROCK- HEY WHAT'S---!


Y-I-I-I-!!
THE MAGNETIC WALLS DISRUPTED THE MACHINERY!
OW—MY EARS!
BOOM!

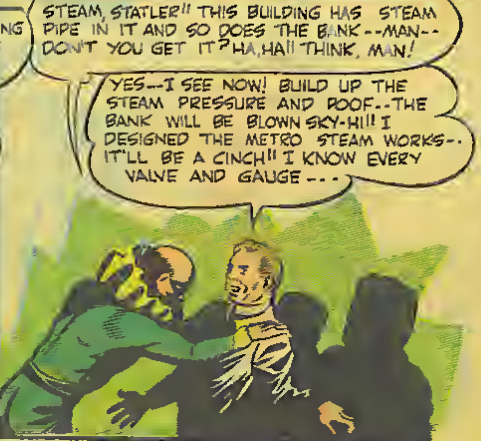
THAT EXPLOSION TOOK CARE OF THE CLOWN'S HIDEOUT!
LOOK-- A HAND!! MAYBE THE CLOWN-

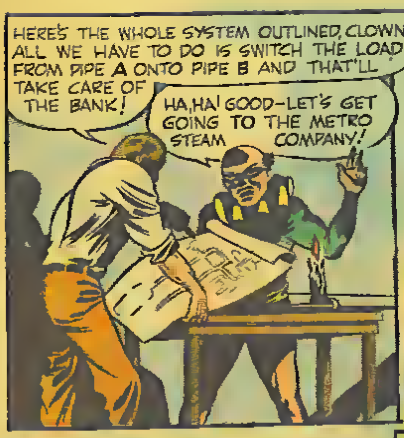
NEEDLES! HIS PRECIOUS LIBERTY DIDN'T LAST LONG! CLOWN WILL FIND OUT HIS TORPEDO DIDN'T HIT IT'S INTENDED MARK AND TAKE A RUNOUT POWDER!
HE'S DEAD!


ALL IS QUIET FOR A WEEK BUT— THE CLOWN FERMENTS NEW EVIL WITH STATLER---
DRAT THAT MAGNO—HE SPOILED EVERY-THING!! WE LOST OUR LOOT—THERE MUST BE SOME WAY TO BREAK INTO THE NATIONAL BANK!
YEAH.. AND THE IRONY OF IT ALL IS THAT THE BANK IS ONLY ACROSS THE STREET!

IRONIC ISN'T IT? --HEY-- WHAT'S THAT!
DON'T JUMP CLOWN-- IT'S THE STEAM COMING UP AGAIN!
HISSSSSS

I KNEW IT! STEAM! IT HAS BEEN BOTHERING ME ALL WEEK-- NO WONDER! HA!HA! THAT'S OUR ANSWER, STATLER...THE CLOWN WILL USE STEAM TO BLOW UP THE BANK!
PARDON ME, BUT ---HUH?!!

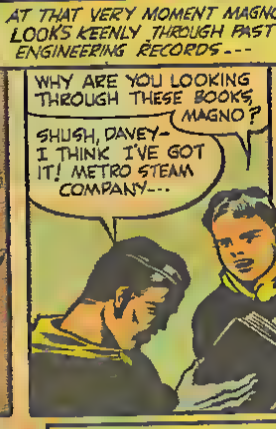

STEAM, STATLER!! THIS BUILDING HAS STEAM PIPE IN IT AND SO DOES THE BANK--MAN-- DON'T YOU GET IT? HA,HA!! THINK, MAN!
YES--I SEE NOW! BUILD UP THE STEAM PRESSURE AND POOF--THE BANK WILL BE BLOWN SKY-HI!! I DESIGNED THE METRO STEAM WORKS-- IT'LL BE A CINCH!! I KNOW EVERY VALVE AND GAUGE---

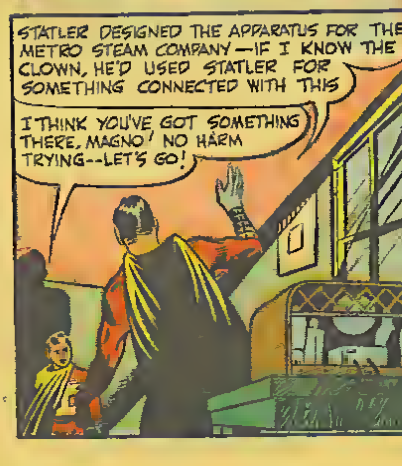

HERE'S THE WHOLE SYSTEM OUTLINED, CLOWN- ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS SWITCH THE LOAD FROM PIPE A ONTO PIPE B AND THAT'LL TAKE CARE OF THE BANK!
HA,HA! GOOD-LET'S GET GOING TO THE METRO STEAM COMPANY!

ONCE STATLER SETS THE VALVES, HE'S NO MORE USE TO ME!
IT WOULDN'T BE TOO HARD TO DOUBLE-CROSS THE CLOWN-THEN I'LL BE BOSS!

TWO SINISTER FIGURES APPROACH THE METRO STEAM COMPANY-
DEATH WILL COME TO THE GUARD SWIFTLY WITH THIS POISONED MINIATURE ARROW-- THE REST WILL BE EASY!

AGHRR!
NOT MANY WORKERS ON THE NIGHT SHIFT SO WE DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT BEING CAUGHT, HA,HA!


AT THAT VERY MOMENT MAGNO LOOKS KEENLY THROUGH PAST ENGINEERING RECORDS---
WHY ARE YOU LOOKING THROUGH THESE BOOKS, MAGNO?
SHUSH, DAVEY- I THINK I'VE GOT IT! METRO STEAM COMPANY---


STATLER DESIGNED THE APPARATUS FOR THE METRO STEAM COMPANY—IF I KNOW THE CLOWN, HE'D USED STATLER FOR SOMETHING CONNECTED WITH THIS
I THINK YOU'VE GOT SOMETHING THERE, MAGNO! NO HARM TRYING--LET'S GO!

SWIFT SECONDS LATER-
LOOK, MAGNO, THE GUARD--- KILLED!
THEN IT WASN'T PURE HUNCH---! CLOWN IS HERE!

INSIDE, AN EVIL LEER SPREADS ACROSS THE CLOWN'S FACE
ALL SET... NOW ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS WAIT
YES, WAIT...
WE ALL WAIT FOR DEATH! YOUR WAIT ENDS HERE! HA, HA!
NO! CLOWN! NO---
YOU AND THE BACKSTABBING JAPS SHOULD GET TOGETHER CLOWN!
MAGNO-DRAT IT!
NO HARD FEELINGS, OLD BOY!
SPLAT!
MY GOOSE ISN'T COOKED YET, MAGNO, BUT----
DANGER LIVE STEAM
YOUR'S IS!
OW! LIVE STEAM!
THE VALVE-THERE-IT'S CLOSED!
WOW! MY EYES BLOOD SHOT-- WHERE'D CLOWN GO?
SO LONG SUCKERS!
WHY WERE YOU AND THE CLOWN HERE TONIGHT, STATLER?
DOUBLE-CROSSED ME--WE WERE TO-- BUILD UP THE BANK'S RADIATOR PRESSURE--FOOLED HIM- WAREHOUSE ACROSS BANK--

C'MON, DAVEY, STATLER'S DEAD—WE'VE GOT TO GET THE CLOWN AT THE WAREHOUSE BEFORE HE STARTS TROUBLE!

BUT—THE BANK?

WHILE IN HIS GLOOMY LAIR THE CLOWN LAUGHS AS—

FOOLED THEM ALL, HA! IN ONE MINUTE THE BANK WILL BLOW UP AND THE CLOWN POSESSES WEALTH!

WHATS THAT? HO, IT'S THE STEAM AGAIN—STEAM, HA, HA!

THE DIABOLICAL LAUGH CHILLS INTO A CRY OF PAIN AND FEAR AS—

YAHHH! STEAM!

BLAM!

OUTSIDE—

GOSH, MAGNO—THE WAREHOUSE BLEW UP INSTEAD OF THE BANK!

A GRIM JOKE ON THE CLOWN—HE'S IN THERE—WE'VE GOT TO GET HIM OUT!

AFTER A PERILOUS SEARCH—

YES—AS MUCH AS I HATED TO DO IT—CALL THE HOSPITAL HE'S BADLY SCALDED!

YOU FOUND HIM!

LATER, IN THE PRISON WARD OF THE CITY HOSPITAL—

HA! THE CLOWN LOOKS MUCH BETTER IN BANDAGES BUT TELL ME WHY WERE YOU SO SURE THE BANK WOULDN'T BLOW UP!?!

STATLER SAID HE DOUBLE CROSSED THE CLOWN—IT'S LOGICAL TO ASSUME HE CHANGED THE STEAM PRESSURE TO THE WAREHOUSE—THE CLOWN—IF HE LIVES—WILL WALK RIGHT INTO THE PEN WHERE HE STARTED THIS WHOLE BUSINESS!

DON'T MISS NEXT MONTH'S ISSUE OF 4 FAVORITES

UNKNOWN
SODA
CIGA
45
TAKE A GOOD LOOK AT THAT PICTURE! CAN IT BE THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER WHO IS ACTUALLY HANGING HIS HEAD IN DISGRACE? CAN YOU BELIEVE THAT THE SCENE OF BARBARISM IS TAKING PLACE RIGHT HERE IN AMERICA? BUT IT'S TRUE! IT IS EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER IS PROVED TO BE A NAZI ORGANIZATION SUPPORTER!
IN A MIDWEST CITY, A SECRET MEETING IS TAKING PLACE..
AND SO I REPEAT--ARE WE GOING TO GROW UP TO PAY THE TAXES FOR THIS WAR OUR STUPID GOVERNMENT GOT US INTO? I SAY NO! INSTEAD LET'S TAKE OVER THIS COUNTRY! IT MAY TAKE FIFTEEN YEARS OR MORE -- BUT THEN---!
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SOLDIER

LUNCH ROOM

HEIL!

THE NEW NATION!

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THE NEW NATION!

DON YOUR HOODS! WE MARCH AGAIN! SOON WE SHALL HAVE STEEL AND BULLETS INSTEAD OF STICKS AND STONES!

REMEMBER! BE RUTHLESS! THERE IS NO PLACE IN OUR NATION OF THE FUTURE FOR COWARDS AND WEAKLINGS!

A FEW MINUTES LATER, THE MEMBERS OF THE NEW NATION GIVE THE TOWNSPEOPLE A FORECAST OF THEIR WAY OF LIFE!

HELP! THOSE HOODLUMS ARE LOOSE AGAIN!

STOP! I AM THE LAW, AND --UGH!

PHOOEY! FROM NOW ON, WE ARE THE LAW!

CANDY

BUT WHENEVER THE DEMOCRATIC WAY OF LIFE IS THREATENED, WHENEVER FREEDOM-LOVING PEOPLE ARE IN DANGER FROM TYRANTS -- THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER ALWAYS APPEARS!
THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER!
DON'T BE AFRAID OF HIM! REMEMBER OUR DESTINY!
OKAY, DESTINY'S FOOLS! LET'S-- HUH! WHY--YOU ARE JUST KIDS!
I CAN'T JUST WADE INTO THOSE KIDS, BUT I CAN PLAY BALL WITH THEM IN MY OWN WAY!
GET HIM, FELLOWS! THERE'S THE BIG SISSY OVER THERE!
ATTA BOY! RIGHT OVER THE PLATE AND RIGHT BACK AGAIN!
CRACK
HEY! LOOK OUT!
HE'S TOO HANDY WITH THAT BAT! LET'S BEAT IT!
HEY! WHERE'S EVERYBODY GOING? I WAS JUST WARMING UP!
HEY, WILLY! WHY DIDN'T YA WARN US ABOUT THAT MONKEY!
NEXT TIME WE'LL HAVE GUNS AND BULLETS FOR HIM!
I GUESS THEY DON'T LIKE THE WAY I PLAY THE GAME! I DON'T LIKE THEIRS EITHER! HM! THIS IS A NEW ONE ON ME--AND I DON'T QUITE KNOW HOW TO BATTLE IT! MAYBE A SESSION WITH THE TOWN OFFICIALS WOULD DO SOME GOOD!

NEXT DAY...AT THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL...

I TELL YOU, SOMETHING MUST BE DONE AT ONCE TO BREAK UP THAT GANG!

I AGREE WITH YOU IMPLICITLY! BUT I AM FIRMLY AGAINST ANY MOVE TO BRING IN THE STATE GUARD OR OTHER TROOPS! IT WOULD PLACE A SMEAR ON THE NAME OF OUR FAIR CITY!

I WONDER WHICH IS WORSE, TO SMEAR THE NAME OF THE CITY, OR TO SMEAR THE CITY ITSELF WITH THE BLOOD OF INNOCENT CITIZENS!

THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER! HUH!

GENTLEMEN, I TRUST YOU WILL PARDON THE INTRUSION--BUT ISN'T IT ABOUT TIME TO STOP DEBATING THE QUESTION AND DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT?

HE'S RIGHT! I HAVE IT ON UNIMPEACHABLE AUTHORITY THAT STILL ANOTHER GANG IS BEING ORGANIZED RIGHT NOW! IF THEY'RE NOT STOPPED, WE'LL BE OVERRUN WITH CRIMINALS!

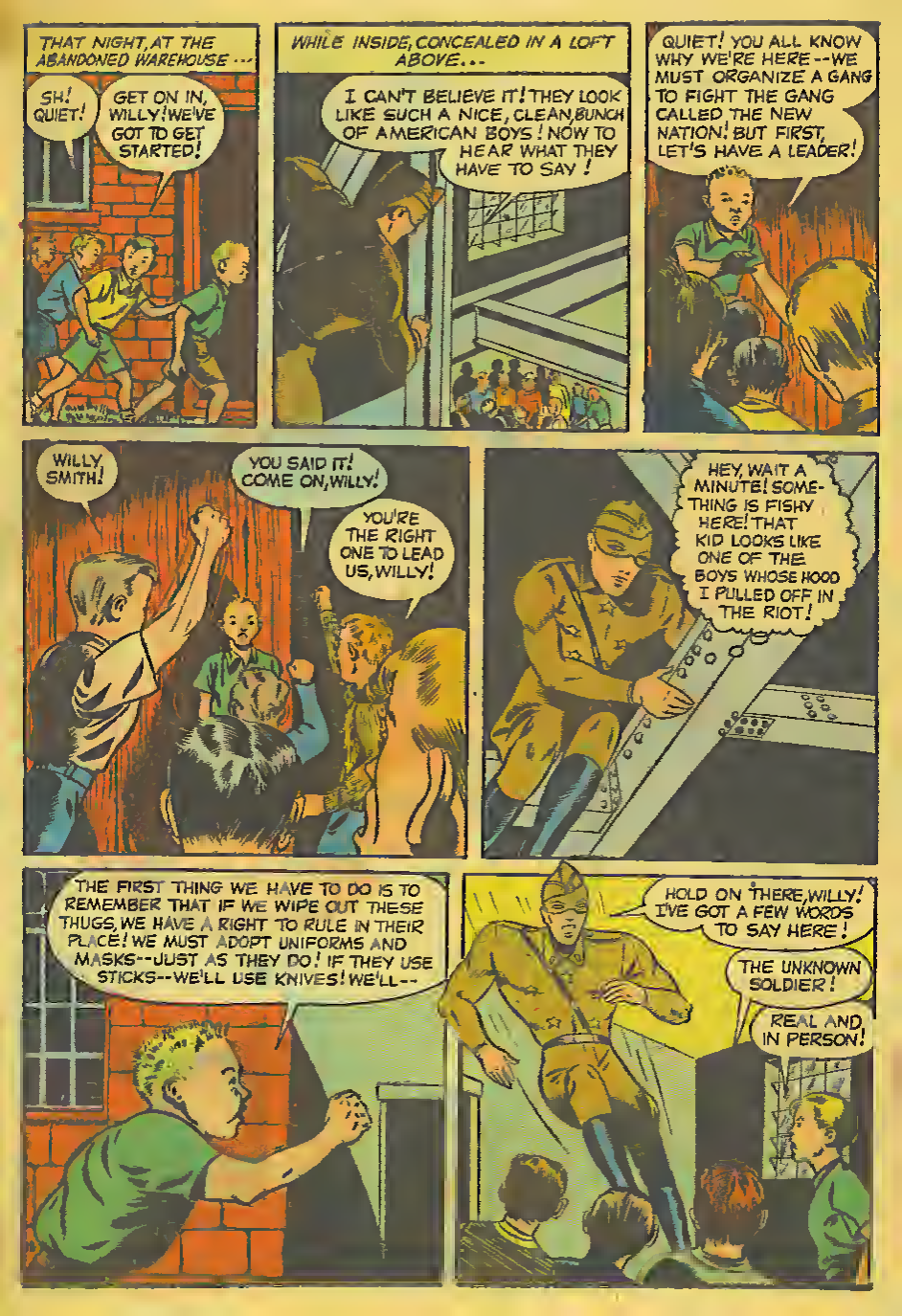
DID YOUR 'UNIMPEACHABLE AUTHORITY' ALSO TELL YOU WHEN AND WHERE THIS NEW BAND OF THUGS IS MEETING?

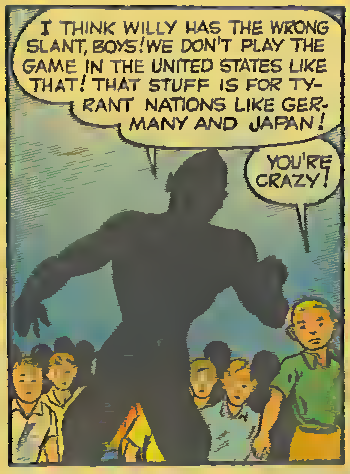
YES--TONIGHT, AT AN OLD WAREHOUSE ON THE EDGE OF TOWN!

IF I DON'T HEAR ANY OBJECTIONS, I'D LIKE TO APPOINT MYSELF A COMMITTEE OF ONE TO BE PRESENT AT THAT MEETING TONIGHT!

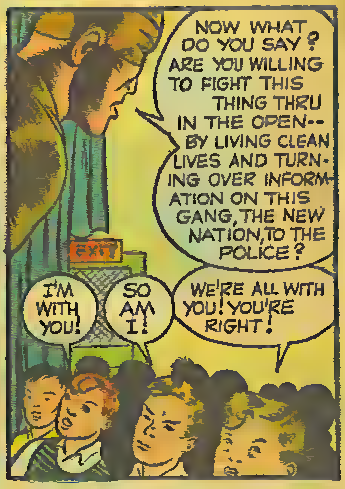
IT'S UNANIMOUS --GO TO IT! WE ARE ALL BEHIND YOU!

AND I, UNKNOWN SOLDIER, AM AWAY AHEAD OF YOU! HA! HA!

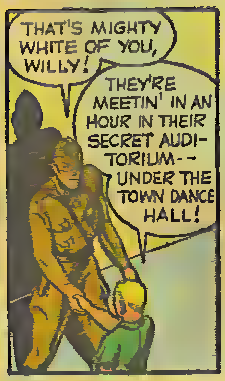

THAT NIGHT, AT THE ABANDONED WAREHOUSE ...
SH! QUIET!
GET ON IN, WILLY! WE'VE GOT TO GET STARTED!
WHILE INSIDE, CONCEALED IN A LOFT ABOVE...
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! THEY LOOK LIKE SUCH A NICE, CLEAN, BUNCH OF AMERICAN BOYS! NOW TO HEAR WHAT THEY HAVE TO SAY!
QUIET! YOU ALL KNOW WHY WE'RE HERE--WE MUST ORGANIZE A GANG TO FIGHT THE GANG CALLED THE NEW NATION! BUT FIRST, LET'S HAVE A LEADER!
WILLY SMITH!
YOU SAID IT! COME ON, WILLY!
YOU'RE THE RIGHT ONE TO LEAD US, WILLY!
HEY, WAIT A MINUTE! SOMETHING IS FISHY HERE! THAT KID LOOKS LIKE ONE OF THE BOYS WHOSE HOOD I PULLED OFF IN THE RIOT!
THE FIRST THING WE HAVE TO DO IS TO REMEMBER THAT IF WE WIPE OUT THESE THUGS, WE HAVE A RIGHT TO RULE IN THEIR PLACE! WE MUST ADOPT UNIFORMS AND MASKS--JUST AS THEY DO! IF THEY USE STICKS--WE'LL USE KNIVES! WE'LL--
HOLD ON THERE, WILLY! I'VE GOT A FEW WORDS TO SAY HERE!
THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER!
REAL AND IN PERSON!


I THINK WILLY HAS THE WRONG SLANT, BOYS! WE DON'T PLAY THE GAME IN THE UNITED STATES LIKE THAT! THAT STUFF IS FOR TYRANT NATIONS LIKE GERMANY AND JAPAN!
YOU'RE CRAZY!

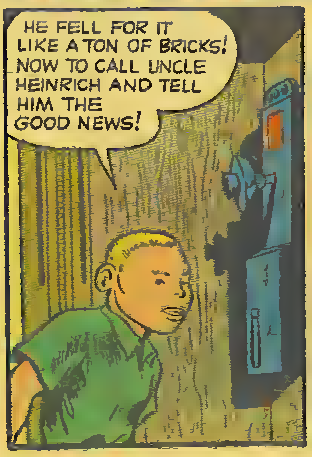
MAYBE I AM, WILLY! BUT SOME PEOPLE THOUGHT LINCOLN AND WASHINGTON WERE CRAZY TOO! BUT SO FAR, REAL AMERICANS HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO SEE IT!

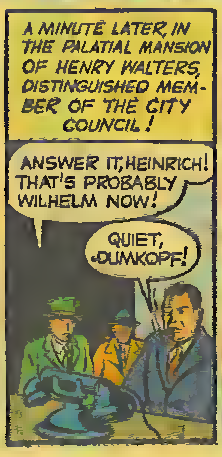

NOW WHAT DO YOU SAY? ARE YOU WILLING TO FIGHT THIS THING THRU IN THE OPEN-- BY LIVING CLEAN LIVES AND TURNING OVER INFORMATION ON THIS GANG, THE NEW NATION, TO THE POLICE?
EXIT
I'M WITH YOU!
SO AM I!
WE'RE ALL WITH YOU! YOU'RE RIGHT!

I'M AFRAID THE BOYS AGREE WITH ME, WILLY! HOW ABOUT YOU?
I STILL THINK YOU'RE ALL WET-- BUT-- I'LL TIP YOU OFF TO WHERE THE NEW NATION GANG IS MEETING IF YOU THINK YOU AND THE POLICE CAN HANDLE THEM!


THAT'S MIGHTY WHITE OF YOU, WILLY!
THEY'RE MEETIN' IN AN HOUR IN THEIR SECRET AUDITORIUM-- UNDER THE TOWN DANCE HALL!

HE SURE STRUTS AROUND LIKE HE WAS BROUGHT UP IN A NAZI YOUTH ORGANIZATION -- BUT I GUESS I'M WRONG!


HE FELL FOR IT LIKE A TON OF BRICKS! NOW TO CALL UNCLE HEINRICH AND TELL HIM THE GOOD NEWS!


A MINUTE LATER, IN THE PALATIAL MANSION OF HENRY WALTERS, DISTINGUISHED MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL!
ANSWER IT, HEINRICH! THAT'S PROBABLY WILHELM NOW!
QUIET, DUMKOPF!

HELLO! YES, WILLY! OH--GOOD! GOOD! THEN OF COURSE HE WILL APPEAR THERE! WE WILL HAVE THE CAMERAS READY IN A CONCEALED PLACE WHEN HE ARRIVES!

ONE HOUR LATER, IN THE HIDDEN AUDITORIUM...
IT IS GOOD TO BE ABLE TO TELL YOU THAT BEFORE VERY LONG OUR HOUR--

AND THEN, SUDDENLY..
STOP! THE HOUR HAS ALREADY COME WHEN THESE MEETINGS MUST COME TO A HALT!

AT THAT INSTANT, BEHIND A CONCEALING SCREEN...
SNAP IT, HANS!
PERFECT! IT COULDN'T HAVE BEEN BETTER!

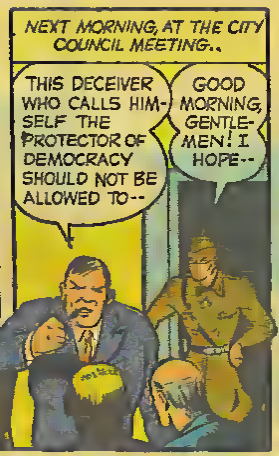
LISTEN TO THE FOOL RAVE ON ABOUT DEMOCRACY! NOW-- QUICK! THERE'S A GOOD POSE!
HA! WHAT WONDERFUL MATERIAL FOR THE EARLY NEWSPAPER EDITIONS!

I'VE SAID ABOUT ALL I CAN! ARE YOU WILLING TO DISBAND PEACEFULLY AND RETURN TO THE DEMOCRATIC WAY OF LIFE?

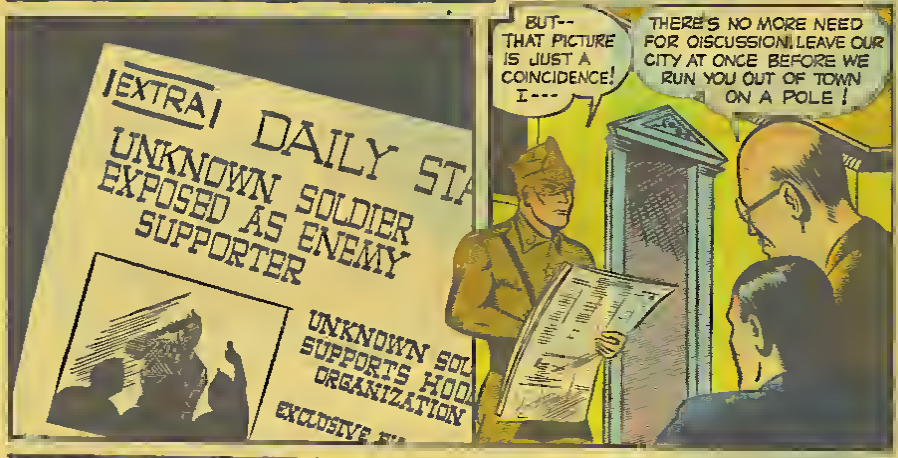
BOO
BOOBOO
BOO
BOO
BOO

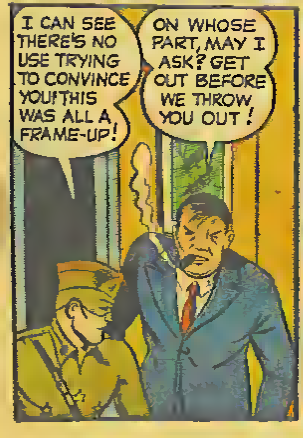
VERY WELL, THEN--I SHALL NOT DISCLOSE YOUR MEETING PLACE BECAUSE YOU GAVE ME A CHANCE TO SPEAK! BUT REMEMBER-- ORGANIZED GANGS CAN NOT AND SHALL NOT EXIST IN THIS GREAT NATION! GOOD NIGHT, GENTLEMEN! THAT IS ALL I HAVE TO SAY!

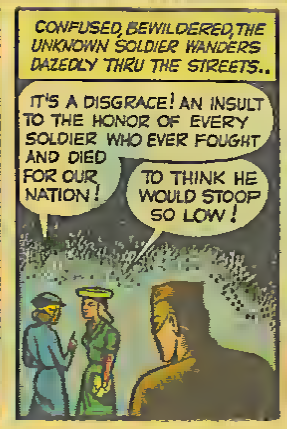
SEVERAL MINUTES LATER
HA! THAT'S ALL HE HAS TO SAY, IS IT?
WONDER WHAT HE'LL HAVE TO SAY WHEN HE SEES THE MORNING PAPERS!


NEXT MORNING, AT THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING..
THIS DECEIVER WHO CALLS HIMSELF THE PROTECTOR OF DEMOCRACY SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO--
GOOD MORNING, GENTLEMEN! I HOPE--

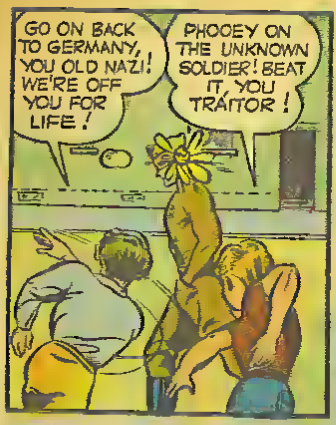
HAVE YOU SEEN THE PAPERS THIS MORNING?
HOW DARE YOU DEFILE THE COUNCIL CHAMBER WITH YOUR PRESENCE?
BUT-- WHAT HAVE I DONE?

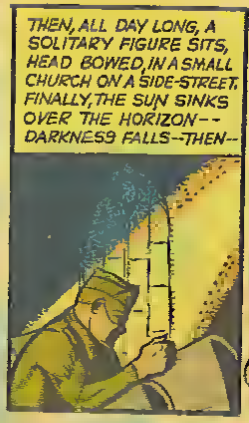

EXTRA!
DAILY STA
UNKNOWN SOLDIER EXPOSED AS ENEMY SUPPORTER
UNKNOWN SOL SUPPORTS HOO ORGANIZATION
EXCLUSIVE
BUT-- THAT PICTURE IS JUST A COINCIDENCE! I---
THERE'S NO MORE NEED FOR DISCUSSION! LEAVE OUR CITY AT ONCE BEFORE WE RUN YOU OUT OF TOWN ON A POLE!


I CAN SEE THERE'S NO USE TRYING TO CONVINCE YOU! THIS WAS ALL A FRAME-UP!
ON WHOSE PART, MAY I ASK? GET OUT BEFORE WE THROW YOU OUT!


CONFUSED, BEWILDERED, THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER WANDERS DAZEDLY THRU THE STREETS..
IT'S A DISGRACE! AN INSULT TO THE HONOR OF EVERY SOLDIER WHO EVER FOUGHT AND DIED FOR OUR NATION!
TO THINK HE WOULD STOOP SO LOW!

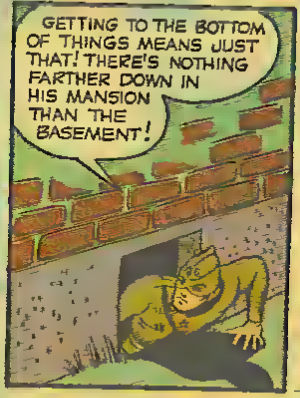
THERE HE IS NOW! SHAME! HANG YOUR HEAD! YOU OUGHT TO!
I GAVE A SON ON TARAWA AND ANOTHER OVER TRUK! YOU'RE THE GREATEST HOAX THIS COUNTRY EVER HAD PULLED OVER ITS EYES!


GO ON BACK TO GERMANY, YOU OLD NAZI! WE'RE OFF YOU FOR LIFE!
PHOOEY ON THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER! BEAT IT, YOU TRAITOR!


THEN, ALL DAY LONG, A SOLITARY FIGURE SITS, HEAD BOWED, IN A SMALL CHURCH ON A SIDE-STREET. FINALLY, THE SUN SINKS OVER THE HORIZON--DARKNESS FALLS--THEN--

THAT'S IT! THAT MUST BE IT! WITH THE HELP OF THE ALMIGHTY, I'VE FOUND THE ANSWER!

I'M GOING STRAIGHT TO THE BOTTOM OF THINGS! AND HENRY WALTERS MUST BE IT!

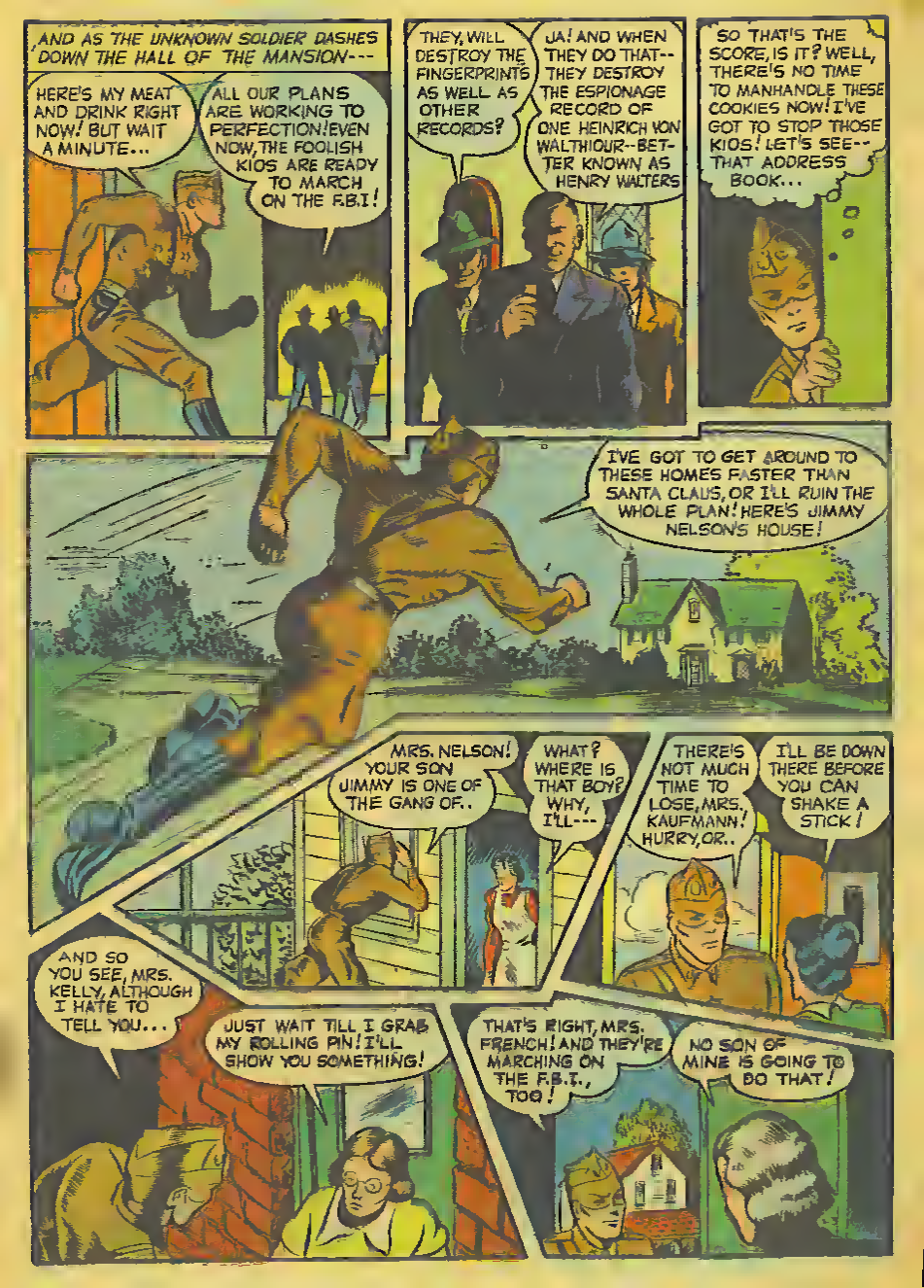

GETTING TO THE BOTTOM OF THINGS MEANS JUST THAT! THERE'S NOTHING FARTHER DOWN IN HIS MANSION THAN THE BASEMENT!

THERE'S THE LIGHT! NOW THEN--WHERE WOULD BE THE MOST LIKELY PLACE FOR--AH! THAT HEAVY OAKEN DOOR!

I HOPE THE STRUCTURE OF THIS PLACE WILL DEADEN THE SOUND OF MY ROCKET GUN!

BY HEAVEN! THIS IS A REGULAR ARSENAL! SOME RIFLES ARE GONE! I WONDER--LET'S HAVE A LOOK AT THAT DESK!

A NOTEBOOK WITH THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ALL THE KIDS BELONGING TO THE GANG! AND FOR THE REST OF THE EVIDENCE I NEED -- I'M GOING TO RAISE MYSELF UP IN THE WORLD AND GO UPSTAIRS!


AND AS THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER DASHES DOWN THE HALL OF THE MANSION---
HERE'S MY MEAT AND DRINK RIGHT NOW! BUT WAIT A MINUTE...
ALL OUR PLANS ARE WORKING TO PERFECTION! EVEN NOW, THE FOOLISH KIOS ARE READY TO MARCH ON THE F.B.I!
THEY, WILL DESTROY THE FINGERPRINTS AS WELL AS OTHER RECORDS?
JA! AND WHEN THEY DO THAT-- THEY DESTROY THE ESPIONAGE RECORD OF ONE HEINRICH VON WALTHIOUR--BETTER KNOWN AS HENRY WALTERS
SO THAT'S THE SCORE, IS IT? WELL, THERE'S NO TIME TO MANHANDLE THESE COOKIES NOW! I'VE GOT TO STOP THOSE KIOS! LET'S SEE-- THAT ADDRESS BOOK...
I'VE GOT TO GET AROUND TO THESE HOMES FASTER THAN SANTA CLAUS, OR I'LL RUIN THE WHOLE PLAN! HERE'S JIMMY NELSON'S HOUSE!
MRS. NELSON! YOUR SON JIMMY IS ONE OF THE GANG OF..
WHAT? WHERE IS THAT BOY? WHY, I'LL---
THERE'S NOT MUCH TIME TO LOSE, MRS. KAUFMANN! HURRY, OR..
I'LL BE DOWN THERE BEFORE YOU CAN SHAKE A STICK!
AND SO YOU SEE, MRS. KELLY, ALTHOUGH I HATE TO TELL YOU...
JUST WAIT TILL I GRAB MY ROLLING PIN! I'LL SHOW YOU SOMETHING!
THAT'S RIGHT, MRS. FRENCH! AND THEY'RE MARCHING ON THE F.B.I., TOO!
NO SON OF MINE IS GOING TO DO THAT!

AND AS THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER COMPLETES HIS ROUND OF CALLS, THE NEW NATION GANG STARTS ITS MARCH ON THE F.B.I.!
REMEMBER, WE ARE ARMED! IF WE HAVE TO SHOOT--SHOOT TO KILL!
DON'T WORRY, WILLY, YOU JUST LEAD ON!
THERE'S THE BUILDING! FORWARD, MEN! HEIL!
THE NATION!
HEIL!
HEIL!
SUDDENLY--FROM AROUND THE SHADOWS OF THE BUILDING...!
HEY! THOSE ARE OUR MOTHERS!
YOU BET WE ARE! AND I'LL GIVE JOHNNY NELSON JUST ONE MINUTE TO TAKE OFF THAT POTATO SACK AND STEP OVER HERE!
THEN WITHOUT WARNING--A PISTOL BARKS--AND---
MRS. NELSON! SOMEBODY SHOT HER!
LOOK AFTER HER! I KNOW WHO'S RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS!
IT COULDN'T BE ANYBODY ELSE BUT YOU, WILLY! I SAW THAT GUN FLASH AND THAT NAZI STRUT!
NOW--JIMMY NELSON--COME HERE!

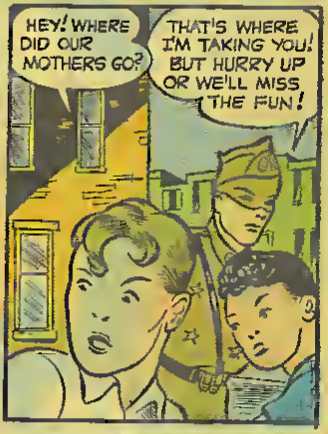
JIMMY, THIS IS YOUR GREAT LEADER, AND HE JUST SHOT YOUR MOTHER!
BAH! WOMEN ARE WEAK! THEY HAVE NO PLACE IN THE NEW NATION! THEY ARE FOR BEARING CHILDREN AND NOTHING MORE!

WHY, YOU--I'LL BREAK EVERY BONE IN YOUR HEAD!
STOP! I COMMAND YOU--I AM THE LEADER!

GET UP! I WON'T HIT YOU WHEN YOU'RE DOWN --BUT JUST GET UP ONCE MORE!
HE WON'T GET UP UNTIL IT'S SAFE! TAKE CARE OF YOUR MOTHER, JIMMY! LUCKILY, SHE ONLY HAS A FLESH WOUND!

WELL, I ASKED YOU ONCE TO CHANGE YOUR MINDS ABOUT THINGS--SO I WON'T ASK YOU AGAIN! BUT ON THE OTHER HAND--
YOU WON'T HAVE TO ASK ME AGAIN! I'M THROUGH WITH THIS GANG!
ME, TOO!

AND NOW, IF YOU WANT TO SEE WHO WAS REALLY BEHIND THIS--AND WHAT KIND OF MEN THEY ARE-- FOLLOW ME!


HEY! WHERE DID OUR MOTHERS GO?
THAT'S WHERE I'M TAKING YOU! BUT HURRY UP OR WE'LL MISS THE FUN!

SEVERAL MINUTES LATER, THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER LEADS THE BOYS TOWARDS THE MANSION OF "HENRY WALTERS"--ALIAS HEINRICH VON WALTHIOUR!
HELP! STOP! LET ME OUT OF HERE! GET THE POLICE!

WHILE INSIDE THE MANSION--
IF YOUR MOTHER HAD DONE THIS TO YOU, YOU NAZI NO-GOOD!
TRYING TO TEACH MY SON TO BE LIKE YOU, WERE YOU? WHY--
I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF THIS! HERE'S WHERE I--

LOOK OUT WITH THAT THING, HEINRICH!
SO IT'S YOU! WELL, HERE'S THE LAST TIME YOU MEDDLE!

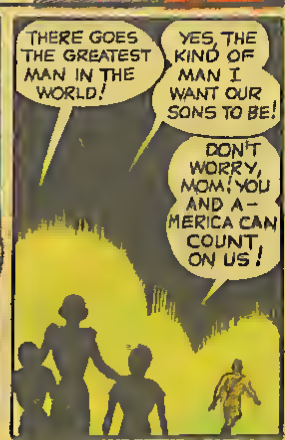
I SHOULD HAVE DONE THIS A LONG TIME AGO!

WHY DON'T YOU CALL IN YOUR GANG? BUT JUST TO SAVE YOU THE TROUBLE, THERE THEY ARE, UP IN THE BALCONY!

WOW! LOOK AT YOUR MOM SWING THAT PADDLE!
YOU'RE TELLING ME! I USED TO GET IT LIKE THAT!
ATTA BOY, MOM! SOCK IT TO 'IM!
WHOOPEE! THIS IS BETTER THAN A WESTERN ANY DAY!

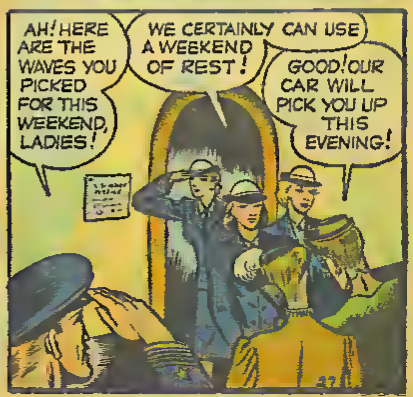
PLEASE! WE SURRENDER!
WE WANT YOU TO BE ABLE TO STAND WHEN THEY SENTENCE YOU AT YOUR TRIAL!
MOTHERS, THANKS FOR HELPING ME PROVE MY INNOCENCE!

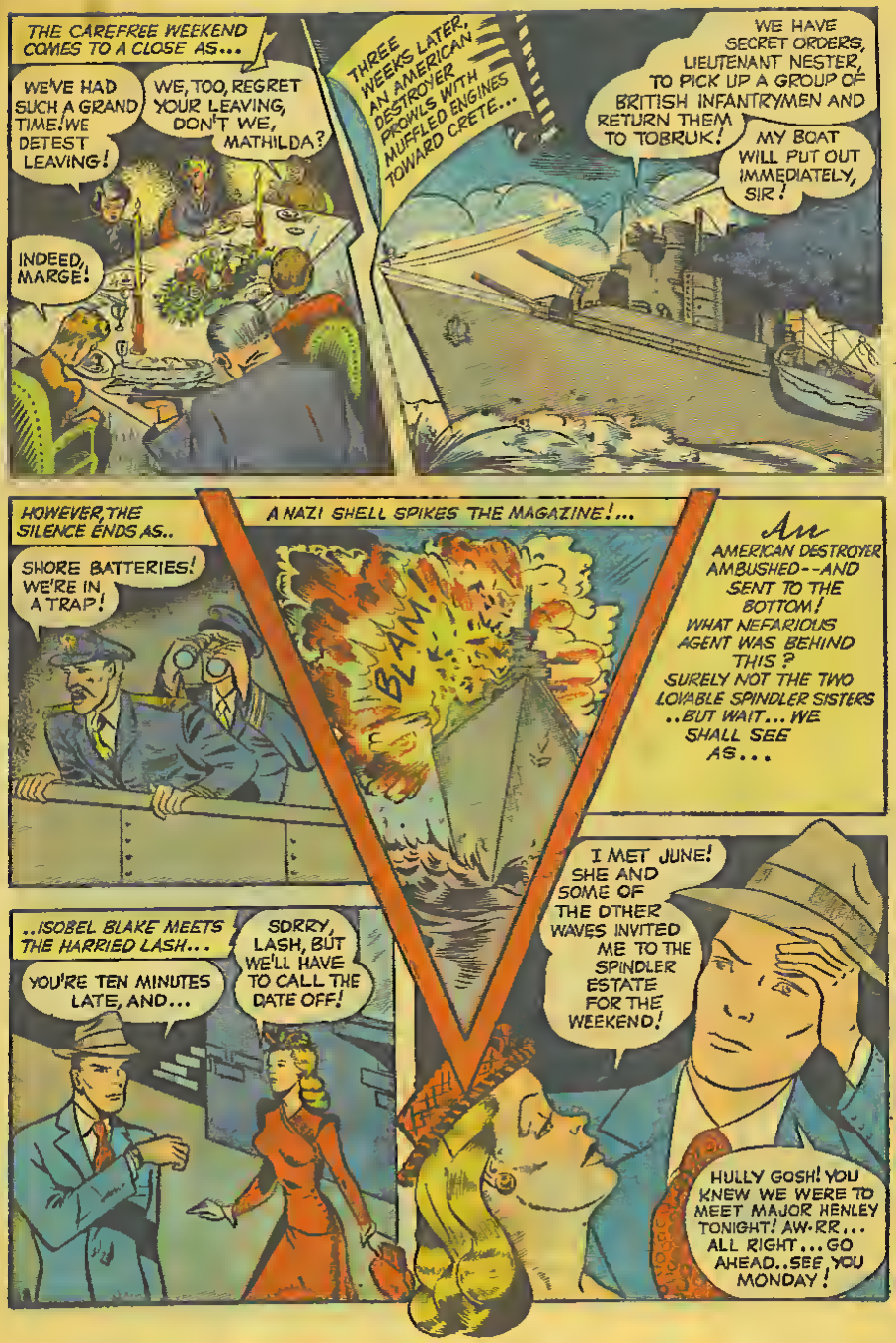
SO LONG, EVERYBODY! THE COPS WILL CLEAN UP THE REST OF THE MESS! REMEMBER-- THE BEST NEW NATION WE COULD EVER HAVE IS FOR YOU BOYS TO CARRY ON FOR DEMOCRACY!


THERE GOES THE GREATEST MAN IN THE WORLD!
YES, THE KIND OF MAN I WANT OUR SONS TO BE!
DON'T WORRY, MOM! YOU AND A-MERICA CAN COUNT ON US!

LASH LIGHTNING

SOMETIMES, BEHIND THE MASK OF KINDNESS, LURKS THE EVIL INFLUENCE OF CALLOUS DECEPTION. THIS IS A STORY WITH A MORAL WHEREIN LASH LIGHTNING AND LIGHTNING GIRL PROVE THE OLD ADAGE THAT "YOU CANT TELL A BOOK BY ITS COVER"

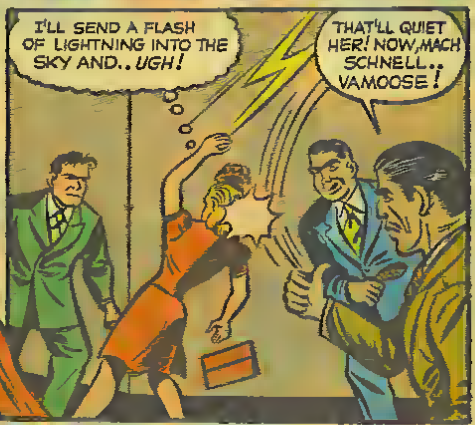


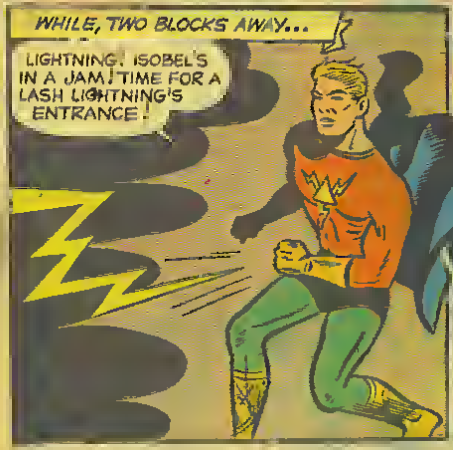

THE CAREFREE WEEKEND COMES TO A CLOSE AS...
WE'VE HAD SUCH A GRAND TIME! WE DETEST LEAVING!
WE, TOO, REGRET YOUR LEAVING, DON'T WE, MATHILDA?
INDEED, MARGE!
THREE WEEKS LATER, AN AMERICAN DESTROYER PROWLS WITH MUFFLED ENGINES TOWARD CRETE...
WE HAVE SECRET ORDERS, LIEUTENANT NESTER, TO PICK UP A GROUP OF BRITISH INFANTRYMEN AND RETURN THEM TO TOBRUK!
MY BOAT WILL PUT OUT IMMEDIATELY, SIR!
HOWEVER, THE SILENCE ENDS AS..
SHORE BATTERIES! WE'RE IN A TRAP!
A NAZI SHELL SPIKES THE MAGAZINE!...
BLAM!
An AMERICAN DESTROYER AMBUSHED--AND SENT TO THE BOTTOM! WHAT NEFARIOUS AGENT WAS BEHIND THIS? SURELY NOT THE TWO LOVABLE SPINDLER SISTERS ..BUT WAIT... WE SHALL SEE AS...
..ISOBEL BLAKE MEETS THE HARRIED LASH...
YOU'RE TEN MINUTES LATE, AND...
SORRY, LASH, BUT WE'LL HAVE TO CALL THE DATE OFF!
I MET JUNE! SHE AND SOME OF THE OTHER WAVES INVITED ME TO THE SPINDLER ESTATE FOR THE WEEKEND!
HULLY GOSH! YOU KNEW WE WERE TO MEET MAJOR HENLEY TONIGHT! AW-RR... ALL RIGHT... GO AHEAD..SEE YOU MONDAY!

PHOOEY! TH' ONLY ONES WHO UNDERSTAND WOMEN ARE WOMEN!
LASH!

HE'LL BE OVER IT BY MONDAY! HMM! HAVEN'T MUCH TIME! I'M SUPPOSED TO MEET JUNE AND THE OTHER GIRLS IN THREE MINUTES!

THIS'LL KEEP YOU ..AGH!
LASH! LASH!


I'LL SEND A FLASH OF LIGHTNING INTO THE SKY AND.. UGH!
THAT'LL QUIET HER! NOW, MACH SCHNELL.. VAMOOSE!


WHILE, TWO BLOCKS AWAY...
LIGHTNING! ISOBEL'S IN A JAM! TIME FOR A LASH LIGHTNING'S ENTRANCE!

HOLD IT, YOU RATS!
IT'S LASH LIGHTNING!... JENSEN, BACK UP THE CAR!
JA!

GEARS GRIND AND THE CAR SHOOTS BACK...
VONDERBAR, JENSEN! NOW TO THE ESTATE!
OOPS... BACKING UP... WHUFFF!
CRAZY HIT-AND-RUN DRIVER ..STOP..TWEEET!
HURT BAD? GOSH.. YOU ARE LIGHTNING, AREN'T YOU?
OH..YES! THAT'S ONE TIME LIGHTNING DIDN'T STRIKE IN THE RIGHT PLACE.... WOOSH! THEY GOT CLEAN AWAY WITH ISOBEL!
AS OFFICER MULVANEY I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE IT! WHAT HAPPENED?
THOSE RATS KIDNAPPED ISOBEL BLAKE! ONE OF THE RATS MENTIONED A NAME... YES, IT WAS "JENSEN"!
PERHAPS JUNE, ISOBEL'S FRIEND, KNOWS SOMETHING ABOUT THIS.. NO HARM IN TRYING-- THE GIRLS MUST HAVE LEFT FOR THE SPINDLER ESTATE..!
SO LONG, MULLY!
SO LONG, ME EYE! I'LL BE AT THE SPINDLER ESTATE, TOO!
LATER, AT THE PRETENTIOUS SPINDLER ESTATE..
GEE! WONDER WHAT HAPPENED TO ISOBEL?
COME RIGHT IN, GIRLS! THIS WILL BE YOUR HOME FOR THREE DAYS!
PERHAPS SHE COULD NOT MAKE IT!

WHILE CONCEALED IN THE SHRUB, LASH LIGHTNING LOOKS ON...
IT WOULDN'T BE PROPER TO JUST BARGE IN--I'LL CHANGE TO MY STREET CLOTHES AND..
THAT CAR COMING--SAME ONE THEY TOOK ISOBEL AWAY IN!???
GOOO GRIEF! IT'S HEADING RIGHT INTO THAT MAUSOLEUM--THEY'LL CRACK UP!
HA! NO ONE WILL EVER SUSPECT!
HOWEVER, THE MARBLE GRAINED DOOR DROPS, AND THE CAR ROARS THROUGH SAFELY...
SOMETHING SCREWY UNCORKING HERE... I'M GOING TO....
OOOP!
OW-WW!
SNEAK UP ON ME, WILL YOU!
HEY--YEO-OW ..STOP!

JUMPING JUPITER! MULLY!
AND YOU DIDN'T THINK IT WAS CAESAR BY ANY CHANCE-- OW-W!

GOSH, I'M SORRY, MULLY! WHAT BROUGHT YOU HERE?
SAME THING THAT BROUGHT YOU! I SAW EVERYTHING!

SWELL! SUPPOSE YOU GET INSIDE THE HOUSE! I'LL SEE WHAT'S BEYOND THE MAUSOLEUM
GOOD! I WUZ AFRAID YOU WOULD ASK ME TO INVESTIGATE THAT MARBLE ORCHARD!

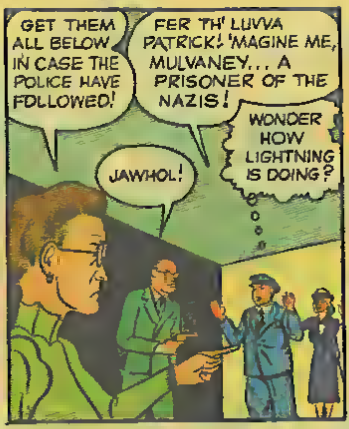
YES..?
EV'NIN'! THERE'S BEEN A TERRIBLE ACCIDENT DOWN THE ROAD. MAY I USE YOUR PHONE?

NO!
HEY, WAIT!

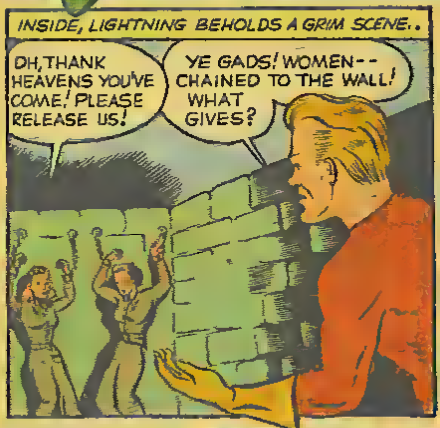
I SEZ YES!
SAY...

MOTHER ABOVE! A STICKUP!
?
OFFICER! THESE MEN ARE NAZIS!

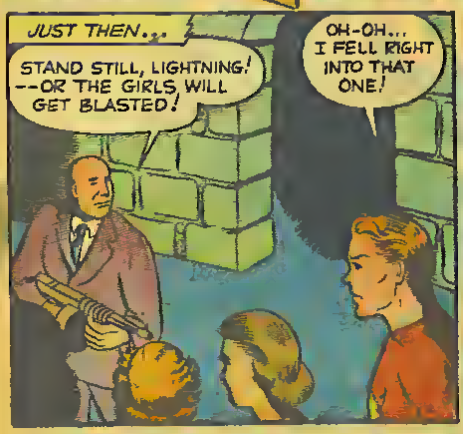
SUDDENLY...
ACHTUNG! HANDS UP!
BY GORRA.. I'VE BEEN AMBUSHED!


GET THEM ALL BELOW IN CASE THE POLICE HAVE FOLLOWED!
FER TH' LUVVA PATRICK! 'MAGINE ME, MULVANEY... A PRISONER OF THE NAZIS!
WONDER HOW LIGHTNING IS DOING?
JAWHOL!

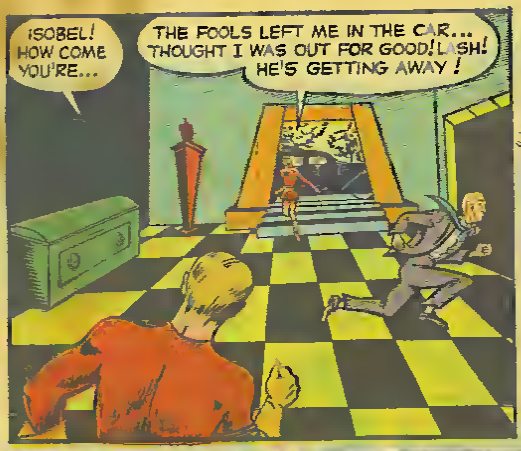
MEANWHILE, LASH CRASHES THROUGH THE MAUSOLEUM!
THERE'S THE CAR! BUT NO MEN AND NO ISOBEL! HMM.. THAT DOOR THERE...


INSIDE, LIGHTNING BEHOLDS A GRIM SCENE..
OH, THANK HEAVENS YOU'VE COME! PLEASE RELEASE US!
YE GADS! WOMEN-- CHAINED TO THE WALL! WHAT GIVES?

VIVID BURSTS OF LIGHTNING SEVER THEIR CHAINS
A DEVIL OF A WAY TO TREAT WOMEN! THERE, YOU'RE ALL FREE!
WE ARE WAVES! SOMETHING HORRIBLE IS GOING ON HERE!


JUST THEN...
STAND STILL, LIGHTNING! --OR THE GIRLS WILL GET BLASTED!
OH-OH... I FELL RIGHT INTO THAT ONE!

SUDDENLY A BRILLIANT FLASH LASHES OUT AND SMACKS THE MACHINE GUN!
YEOW!
DROP IT, NAZI!

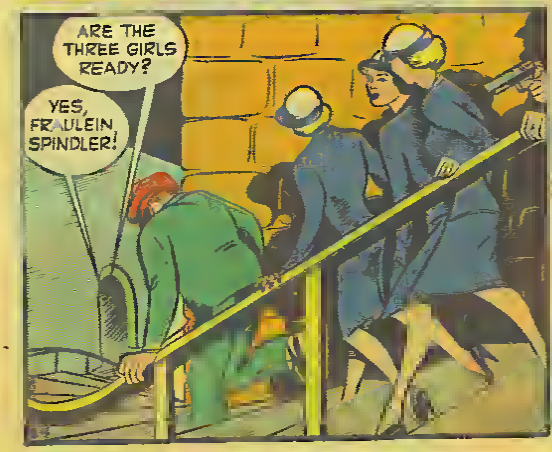

ISOBEL! HOW COME YOU'RE...
THE FOOLS LEFT ME IN THE CAR... THOUGHT I WAS OUT FOR GOOD! LISH! HE'S GETTING AWAY!

NOT TODAY, SKUNK CLASS ONE 'A'!
HELP!

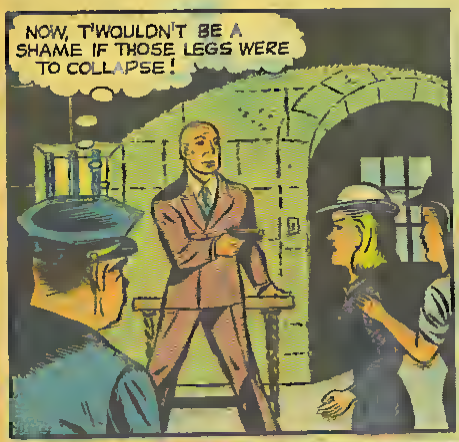
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO YOUR FRIENDS, TOOTS!
WHOOP!

NOW-- WHAT IS THIS ALL ABOUT?
ALL WE KNOW IS THE SPINDLER SISTERS INVITED US UP TO THE HOUSE. WHEN WE ARRIVED, WE WERE STRIPPED OF OUR IDENTITY CARDS AND UNIFORMS AND BROUGHT DOWN HERE!

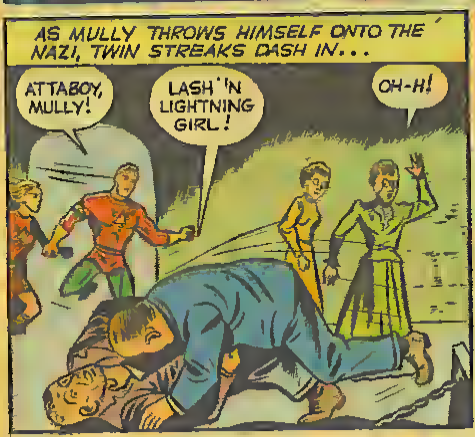
I'M BEGINNING TO UNDERSTAND! COME ON, ISOBEL! YOU GIRLS TAKE THE CAR AND CONTACT THE NAVAL BASE!
THANKS A LOT!

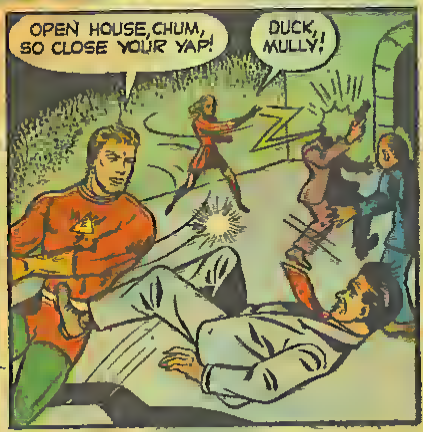

ARE THE THREE GIRLS READY?
YES, FRAULEIN SPINDLER!

ER-HEIL! TAKE THE GIRLS INTO THE CHAMBER AND UNDRESS THEM!
GET INTO THEIR CLOTHES! MACH SCHNELL!
HEIL HITLER, FRAULEINS!


NOW, T'WOULDN'T BE A SHAME IF THOSE LEGS WERE TO COLLAPSE!

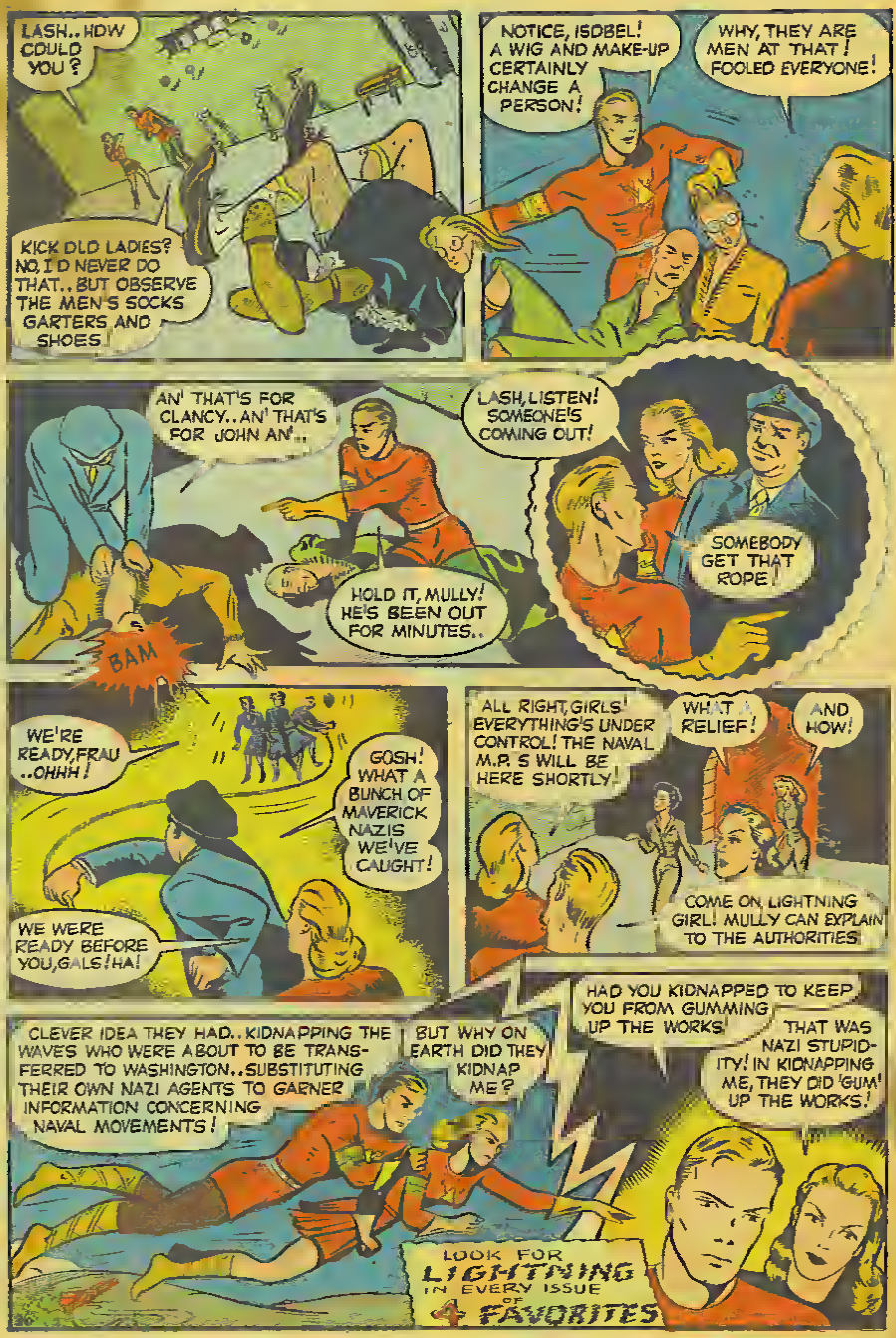
YES-- TOO BAD!
YAHHH! WHO DID DOT!


AS MULLY THROWS HIMSELF ONTO THE NAZI, TWIN STREAKS DASH IN...
ATTABOY, MULLY!
LASH 'N LIGHTNING GIRL!
OH-H!


OPEN HOUSE, CHUM, SO CLOSE YOUR YAP!
DUCK, MULLY!

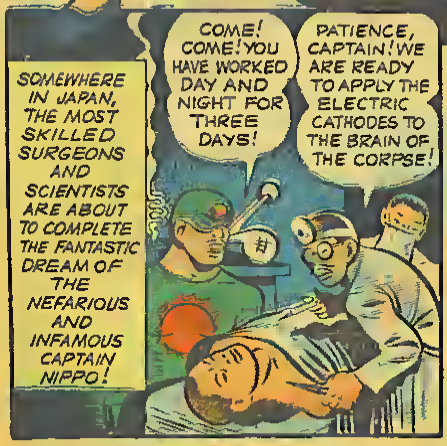
THE SISTERS ARE FLEEING!
TEND TO THE OTHERS, ISOBEL--I'LL GET THEM!

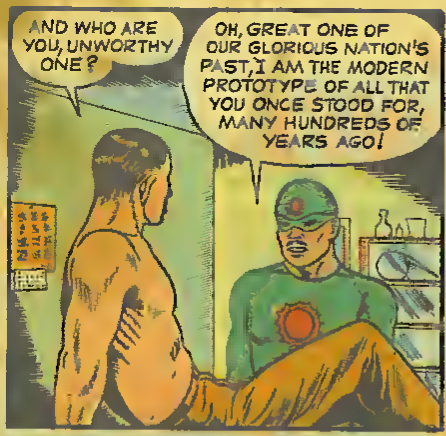
WHAT IS THIS! LASH LIGHTNING KICKING OLD WOMEN??

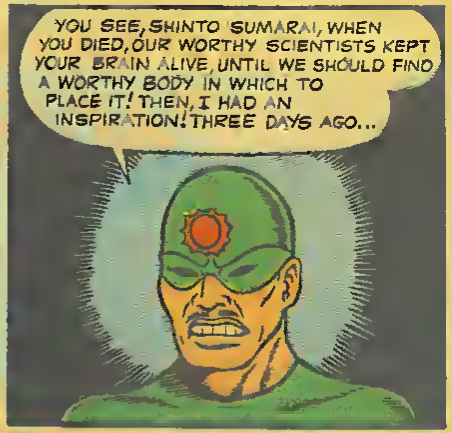

LASH.. HOW COULD YOU?
KICK OLD LADIES? NO, I'D NEVER DO THAT.. BUT OBSERVE THE MEN'S SOCKS GARTERS AND SHOES!
NOTICE, ISOBEL! A WIG AND MAKE-UP CERTAINLY CHANGE A PERSON!
WHY, THEY ARE MEN AT THAT! FOOLED EVERYONE!
AN' THAT'S FOR CLANCY.. AN' THAT'S FOR JOHN AN'..
BAM
HOLD IT, MULLY! HE'S BEEN OUT FOR MINUTES..
LASH, LISTEN! SOMEONE'S COMING OUT!
SOMEBODY GET THAT ROPE!
WE'RE READY, FRAU ..OHHH!
WE WERE READY BEFORE YOU, GALS! HA!
GOSH! WHAT A BUNCH OF MAVERICK NAZIS WE'VE CAUGHT!
ALL RIGHT, GIRLS! EVERYTHING'S UNDER CONTROL! THE NAVAL M.P.'S WILL BE HERE SHORTLY!
WHAT A RELIEF!
AND HOW!
COME ON, LIGHTNING GIRL! MULLY CAN EXPLAIN TO THE AUTHORITIES!
CLEVER IDEA THEY HAD.. KIDNAPPING THE WAVES WHO WERE ABOUT TO BE TRANSFERRED TO WASHINGTON.. SUBSTITUTING THEIR OWN NAZI AGENTS TO GARNER INFORMATION CONCERNING NAVAL MOVEMENTS!
BUT WHY ON EARTH DID THEY KIDNAP ME?
HAD YOU KIDNAPPED TO KEEP YOU FROM GUMMING UP THE WORKS!
THAT WAS NAZI STUPIDITY! IN KIDNAPPING ME, THEY DID 'GUM' UP THE WORKS!
LOOK FOR LIGHTNING IN EVERY ISSUE OF 4 FAVORITES

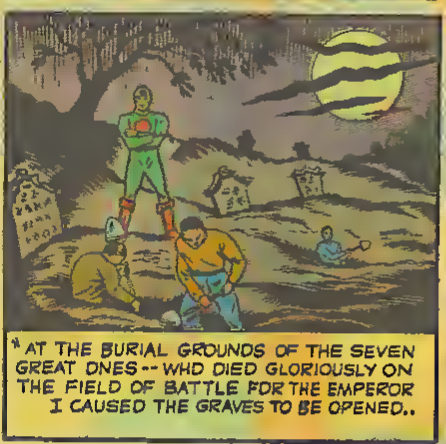
CAPTAIN COURAGEOUS

IT WAS FANTASTIC --THE DREAM OF A MADMAN! THE FIENDISH CAPTAIN NIPPO COMBINES THE BODIES OF SEVEN DEAD MEN INTO ONE HORRIBLE FORM OF TERROR-- DESTRUCTION! AND YET, WHEN CAPTAIN COURAGEOUS CAME FACE TO FACE WITH THE CORPSE THAT WALKED LIKE A MAN, HE KNEW HE FACED A FIEND THAT COULD ONLY LEAD TO THE GRAVE!




AND WHO ARE YOU, UNWORTHY ONE?
OH, GREAT ONE OF OUR GLORIOUS NATION'S PAST, I AM THE MODERN PROTOTYPE OF ALL THAT YOU ONCE STOOD FOR, MANY HUNDREDS OF YEARS AGO!


YOU SEE, SHINTO SUMARAI, WHEN YOU DIED, OUR WORTHY SCIENTISTS KEPT YOUR BRAIN ALIVE, UNTIL WE SHOULD FIND A WORTHY BODY IN WHICH TO PLACE IT! THEN, I HAD AN INSPIRATION! THREE DAYS AGO...


"AT THE BURIAL GROUNDS OF THE SEVEN GREAT ONES -- WHO DIED GLORIOUSLY ON THE FIELD OF BATTLE FOR THE EMPEROR I CAUSED THE GRAVES TO BE OPENED..

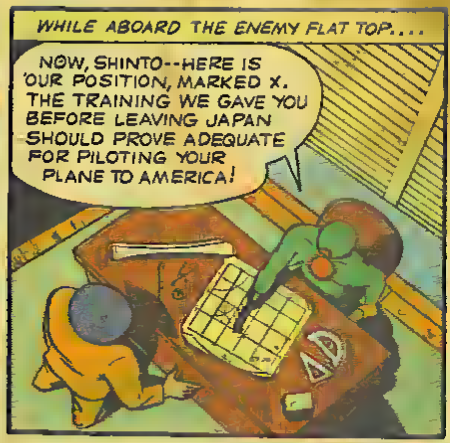
"FROM EACH CORPSE WE TOOK ONE PART: FROM YAKAHAMI, WHO SLEW TEN CURSED YANKS ON THE DELIGHTFUL MARCH OF DEATH--WE TOOK AN ARM!

"AND SO IT WENT: A LEG FROM ONE, THE TORSO OF ANOTHER. WE THEN JOINED THESE SECTIONS, PLACED YOUR MAGNIFICENT BRAIN IN ONE'S HEAD--AND--HERE YOU ARE!"

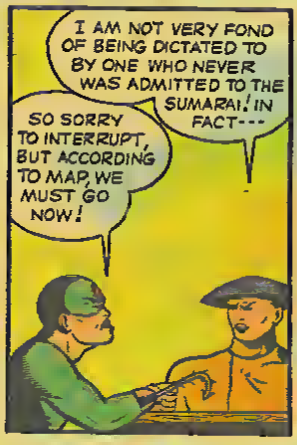
AH! NOW I BEGIN TO UNDERSTAND! JAPAN IS AGAIN AT WAR AND YOU NEED MY BRAVERY AND CUNNING!
PRECISELY! WE NOW FACE OUR DARKEST HOUR!

COME, SHINTO! HERE IS YOUR FAMED SHINTO SWORD! WHEN WE REACH AMERICA, MAY YOU CREATE AS MUCH HAVOC AS BEFORE!

AND SO, SOME WEEKS LATER, A LONE JAP AIRCRAFT CARRIER SNEAKS CLOSER TO THE U.S PACIFIC COAST...


WHILE ABOARD THE ENEMY FLAT TOP....
NOW, SHINTO--HERE IS OUR POSITION, MARKED X. THE TRAINING WE GAVE YOU BEFORE LEAVING JAPAN SHOULD PROVE ADEQUATE FOR PILOTING YOUR PLANE TO AMERICA!

VERY GOOD. BUT WHERE DO YOU GO? AND HOW?
AN EXCELLENT QUESTION! I--ER-- AM TO GET TO LAND SECRETLY BY A SMALL SUBMARINE LAUNCHED FROM THE SIDE OF THE SHIP!

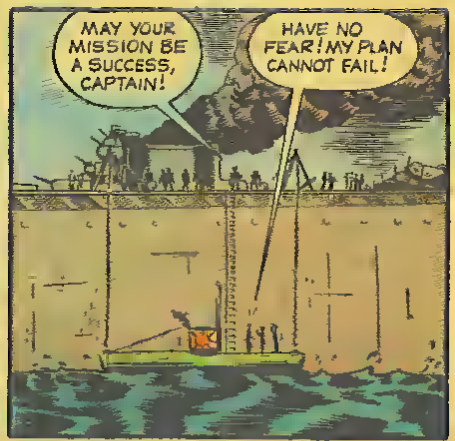

I AM NOT VERY FOND OF BEING DICTATED TO BY ONE WHO NEVER WAS ADMITTED TO THE SUMARAI! IN FACT---
SO SORRY TO INTERRUPT, BUT ACCORDING TO MAP, WE MUST GO NOW!

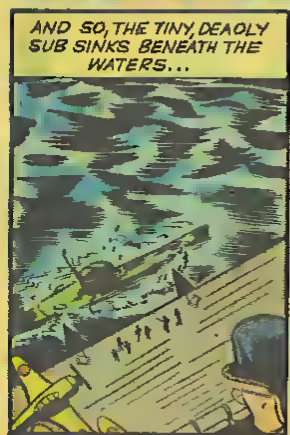
HM! SO HE THINKS TO USE ME AS A TOOL? SHINTO SUMARAI WILL PUT UP WITH THAT JUST SO LONG!

THE FOOL! ONCE HE GETS RID OF CAPTAIN COURAGEOUS, I WILL BE HAILED AS THE GENIUS OF THIS JOB! AND IF HE FAILS--HA! ONLY HE WILL BE TO BLAME!

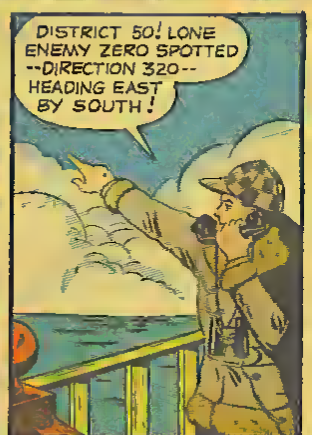
THERE IS YOUR PLANE, SHINTO! GOOD LUCK! YOU KNOW OUR RENDEZVOUS POINT WHEN MISSION IS COMPLETED!

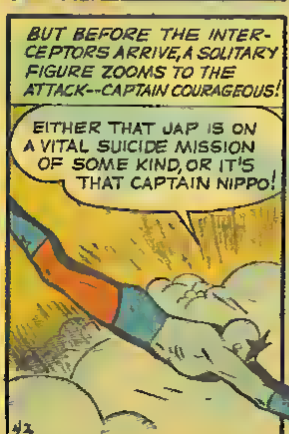
A FEW MINUTES LATER...
AH! A PERFECT TAKE-OFF! AND A PERFECT PLAN, TOO!


MAY YOUR MISSION BE A SUCCESS, CAPTAIN!
HAVE NO FEAR! MY PLAN CANNOT FAIL!


AND SO, THE TINY, DEADLY SUB SINKS BENEATH THE WATERS...

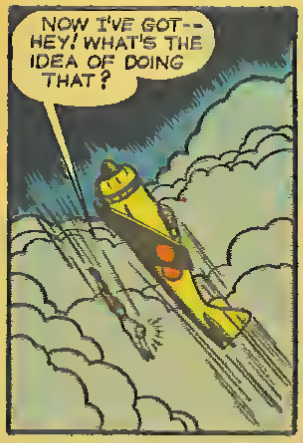
A WHILE LATER, IN A LONELY PLANE SPOTTERS' TOWER...
MUST BE AN ARMY PURSUIT SHIP! BUT WHERE--HEY! THAT'S A ZERO!

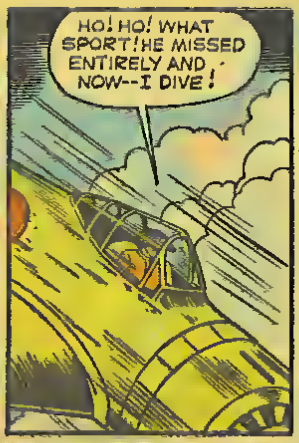

DISTRICT 50! LONE ENEMY ZERO SPOTTED --DIRECTION 320-- HEADING EAST BY SOUTH!


BUT BEFORE THE INTERCEPTORS ARRIVE, A SOLITARY FIGURE ZOOMS TO THE ATTACK--CAPTAIN COURAGEOUS!
EITHER THAT JAP IS ON A VITAL SUICIDE MISSION OF SOME KIND, OR IT'S THAT CAPTAIN NIPPO!

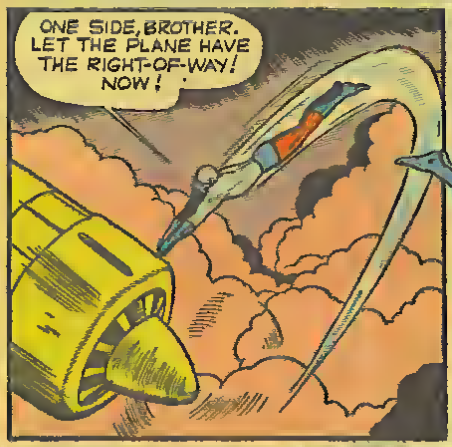
AND IN EITHER CASE, HE'S NOT GETTING THRU, IF IT TAKES EVERYTHING I'VE GOT--AND MORE!

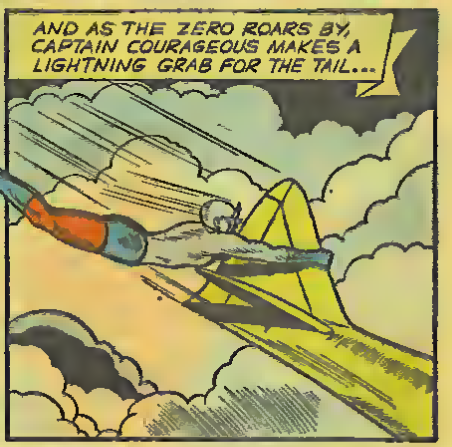
HO! SO THAT MUST BE THE GREAT CAPTAIN COURAGEOUS! IS THE MAN A FOOL, TO DIVE RECKLESSLY LIKE THAT? HA! I SHALL HAVE SPORT WITH HIM BEFORE I KILL!


NOW I'VE GOT-- HEY! WHAT'S THE IDEA OF DOING THAT?

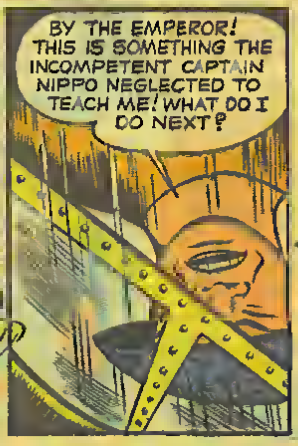

HO! HO! WHAT SPORT! HE MISSED ENTIRELY AND NOW--I DIVE!

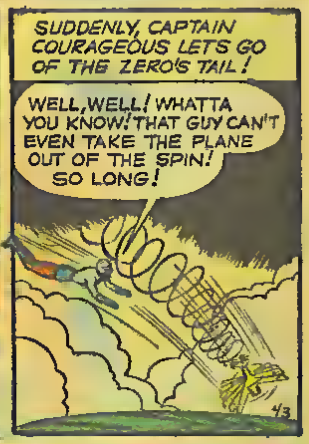
SMART LITTLE COOKIE, WHOEVER HE IS! WELL, WE'LL SEE ABOUT THAT!

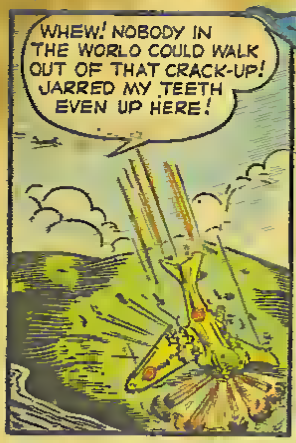

ONE SIDE, BROTHER. LET THE PLANE HAVE THE RIGHT-OF-WAY! NOW!


AND AS THE ZERO ROARS BY, CAPTAIN COURAGEOUS MAKES A LIGHTNING GRAB FOR THE TAIL...

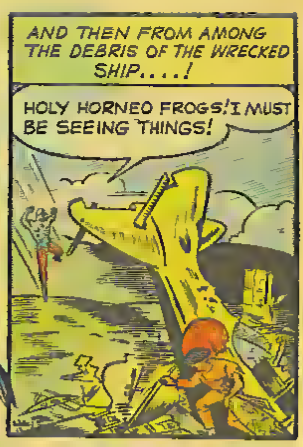
WHIRLING HIS BODY IN SMALL CIRCLES, HE SENDS THE ZERO INTO A SPIN...


BY THE EMPEROR! THIS IS SOMETHING THE INCOMPETENT CAPTAIN NIPPO NEGLECTED TO TEACH ME! WHAT DO I DO NEXT?


SUDDENLY, CAPTAIN COURAGEOUS LETS GO OF THE ZERO'S TAIL!
WELL, WELL! WHATTA YOU KNOW! THAT GUY CAN'T EVEN TAKE THE PLANE OUT OF THE SPIN! SO LONG!


WHEW! NOBODY IN THE WORLO COULD WALK OUT OF THAT CRACK-UP! JARRED MY TEETH EVEN UP HERE!

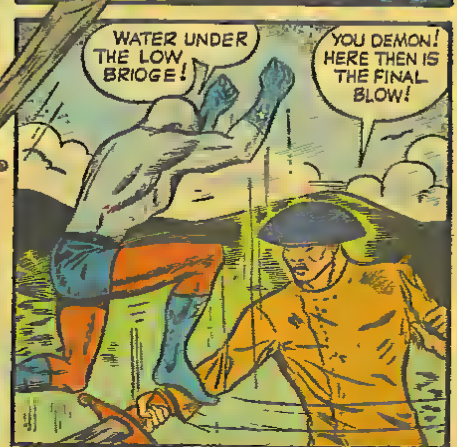
BETTER HAVE A LOOK AT THE WRECKAGE! IT'S A MIGHTY QUEER STUNT FOR ONE PLANE TO ATTEMPT AN ATTACK!


AND THEN FROM AMONG THE DEBRIS OF THE WRECKED SHIP....!
HOLY HORNEO FROGS! I MUST BE SEEING THINGS!

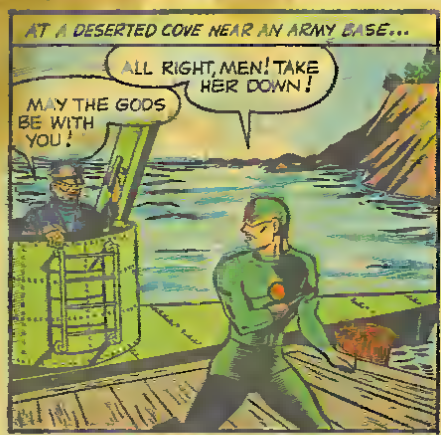
WH--WHO ARE YOU, ANYHOW?
YOU ARE SEEING THINGS, CAPTAIN COURAGEOUS--FOR THE LAST TIME! PREPARE TO DIE!

BUT OF COURSE AN INFIDEL WOULO NOT KNOW --I AM SHINTO SUMARAI! GREATEST OF ALL JAPANESE WARRIORS!
I--I DON'T GET IT! YOU'VE BEEN OEAD FOR CENTURIES!

WHEN THIS COLD STEEL BITES YOU--YOU'LL CHANGE YOUR MIND! THERE!
LOW BRIDGE!


WATER UNDER THE LOW BRIOGE!
YOU DEMON! HERE THEN IS THE FINAL BLOW!

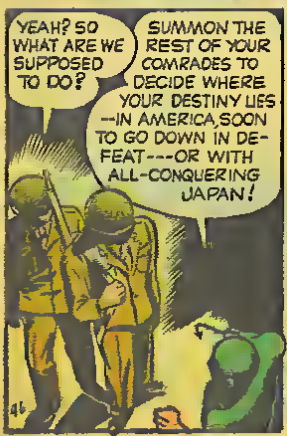
NO YOU DON'T! NOT THIS TIME!
AAIIIIII!
YOU SAID A MOUTHFUL, BROTHER!
IT IS WRITTEN IN FATE'S BOOK OF IRONY! THIS IS THE END!
OKAY! STOP MUMBLING AND GET UP! BUT DON'T TRY ANY FUNNY STUFF!
BUT WHY DO YOU DELAY THE INEVITABLE END? YOU HAVE WON THE FIGHT FAIRLY! KILL ME NOW, THAT I MAY JOIN MY ANCESTORS!
HERE IN AMERICA, IT'S DIFFERENT! YOU'RE ENTITLED TO A FAIR TRIAL BEFORE JUSTICE IS HANDED OUT! COME ALONG!
BUT CAPTAIN NIPPO TOLD ME THAT YOU WERE SNEAKS AND COWARDS! THAT YOU ATTACKED OUR COUNTRY WITHOUT WARNING OR REASON AND--
SO NIPPO WAS BEHIND YOUR SUICIDE RAID, EH? I MIGHT HAVE KNOWN! WELL, SHINTO, THINGS DIDN'T HAPPEN QUITE LIKE HE SAID!
TELL ME THE TRUTH! AMONG THE ANCIENT SUMARAI, WE WOULD NOT TOLERATE LIARS AND COWARDS!
SOMEHOW OR OTHER, I BELIEVE YOU'RE SINCERE! I'LL BEGIN AT THE BEGINNING--AMERICA AND JAPAN LIVED IN PEACE UNTIL...
WHILE CAPTAIN COURAGEOUS WAS TELLING SHINTO SUMARAI THE REAL STORY BEHIND THE WAR WITH JAPAN, CAPTAIN NIPPO WENT ABOUT HIS PLANS...

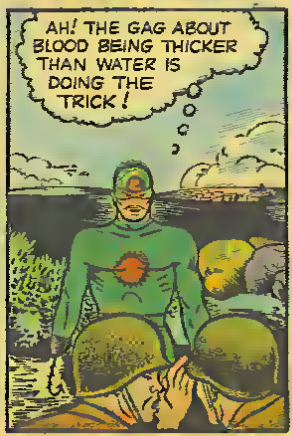

AT A DESERTED COVE NEAR AN ARMY BASE...
ALL RIGHT, MEN! TAKE HER DOWN!
MAY THE GODS BE WITH YOU!

HERE IS WHERE THE JAPANESE-AMERICAN TROOPS ARE HOLDING THEIR MANEUVERS! AND HERE IS WHERE THE REVOLT WITHIN SHALL START!

HEY! DO YOU SEE WHAT I SEE?
IS SOMEBODY TRYING TO GET FUNNY--OR WHAT?
DO NOT FIRE! LISTEN TO WHAT I HAVE TO SAY!

THE HERITAGE THAT IS YOUR BIRTHRIGHT DOES NOT BELONG HERE IN AMERICA! YOU ARE JAPANESE BY DESCENT! AND--NOT FAR FROM HERE, THE GREATEST WARRIOR OF OUR PEOPLE IS EVEN NOW WHIPPING THE GREAT CAPTAIN COURAGEOUS!


YEAH? SO WHAT ARE WE SUPPOSED TO DO?
SUMMON THE REST OF YOUR COMRADES TO DECIDE WHERE YOUR DESTINY LIES --IN AMERICA, SOON TO GO DOWN IN DEFEAT---OR WITH ALL-CONQUERING JAPAN!


AH! THE GAG ABOUT BLOOD BEING THICKER THAN WATER IS DOING THE TRICK!

OKAY! MAYBE YOU'VE GOT SOMETHING THERE!
WE'LL BE RIGHT BACK WITH THE BOYS!

MEANTIME
WELL, SHINTO ..THAT'S ALL THERE IS TO IT! THERE'S THE REAL TRUTH!
CAPTAIN COURAGEOUS, ACCORDING TO YOUR LAWS, YOU SHOULD TURN ME OVER TO THE POLICE! BUT I BEG YOU--ALLOW ME ONE CHANCE TO REDEEM THE HONOR OF MY COUNTRY--THAT ONCE HAD HONOR!

A FEW MILES FROM HERE, THE HATEFUL CAPTAIN NIPPO IS EVEN NOW EXHORTING LOYAL AMERICANS OF JAPANESE DESCENT TO DESERT THE ARMY!
WHAT! COME ON, SHINTO! WE'VE NO TIME TO LOSE!

MEANWHILE, CAPTAIN NIPPO WORKS FAST...
WITH THE IMMORTAL SHINTO SUMARAI ON OUR SIDE, THERE IS NOTHING AMERICA CAN DO TO US! WILL YOU JOIN FORCES WITH THE LAND OF YOUR ANCESTORS? WHAT DO YOU SAY?

WE SAY LOOK BEHIND YOU, CAPTAIN NIPPO!

LOOK BEHIND--ER--HUH? NO! SHINTO! WHAT ARE YOU---

YOU LIED TO ME, CAPTAIN NIPPO! YOU ARE TOO DANGEROUS TO LIVE!
NO! NO! REMEMBER--WE ARE IN A DEMOCRACY NOW! I DEMAND A FAIR TRIAL!

WHAT SHALL BE HIS FATE, CAPTAIN COURAGEOUS?
HE DOESN'T DESERVE IT, BUT WE'LL SEE TO IT THAT HE GETS A FAIR TRIAL!
OH, THANK YOU SO MUCH! SO SORRY I-- NOW!
LOOK OUT, SHINTO!
DIE! DIE! THE MONSTER I CREATED HAS TURNED ON ME--SO I DESTROY IT!
WHY, YOU LIVER-BELLIED LITTLE RAT!
I OUGHT TO KILL YOU HERE AND NOW, FOR A TRICK LIKE THAT!
LET HIM HAVE IT, CAPTAIN COURAGEOUS!
ATTA BOY, CAP!
TAKE CARE OF HIM, FELLOWS! HE'S A SLIPPERY CUSTOMER!
WE KNOW THAT! WE LISTENED TO WHAT HE HAD TO SAY, ONLY BECAUSE WE WERE AFRAID HE WAS TRYING TO LURE YOU INTO A TRAP OF SOME KIND!
SHINTO! SHINTO!
I'M DYING, CAPTAIN! I AM IMMORTAL--BUT I CAN BE KILLED WITH MY OWN SWORD! NIPPO KNEW THAT AND--UGH!
SHINTO WAS THE DECENT JAPANESE WHO WANTED TO REDEEM HIS COUNTRY'S HONOR! IF HE DIES, CAPTAIN NIPPO WILL PAY FOR IT!
WHAT DOES CAPTAIN COURAGEOUS DO TO CAPTAIN NIPPO? READ ABOUT IT IN 4 FAVORITES!